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TEAM INDIA HEAD COACH SHASTRI TESTS COVID +VE

The BCCI announced on Sunday that Ravi Shastri's lateral flow test for Covid returned positive. The next course of action will be decided following the result of his RT-PCR test

3 OTHER SUPPORT STAFFERS IN ISOLATION

Bowling coach Bharat Arun, fielding coach R Sridhar and physiotherapist Nitin Patel remained at the team hotel as a precautionary measure with results of their RT-PCR tests awaited. All the other members underwent two lateral flow tests on Saturday night and Sunday morning before being cleared to travel to the stadium ahead of the fourth day of the 4th Test

KOHLI & CO SET ENGLAND A BIG TARGET

- The Indians set England an imposing target of 368 on Sunday after scoring 466 in their second innings | **P13**
- The likes of Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant and **Shardul Thakur** built on the good work of the top-order. Thakur (60) made his 2nd half-century of the match while Pant found his groove with 50

368

IF ENGLAND CHASE DOWN 368, IT WILL BE THEIR HIGHEST SUCCESSFUL CHASE

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Govt allows public Ganesha celebration

Not more than 20 people allowed at a time at pandals; No celebration in border taluks with positivity rate of over 2%

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@Bengaluru

THE State Government on Sunday announced that Ganesh Chaturthi festivities will be allowed for five days at public places with strict restrictions. While a gathering of more than 20 people at the same time is not allowed, the public celebration is prohibited in border taluks that have more than 2 per cent Covid positivity rate. No cultural programmes and processions will be allowed this time.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to discuss the Covid situation in the State on Sunday. After the meeting, Revenue Minister R Ashoka told reporters that the decision to allow public celebration of the festival was taken in consultation with members of the Technical Advisory Committee. "In urban areas, Ganesh pandals will be allowed one per ward and the local administration can decide on the numbers in rural areas. However, taluks that share borders with neighbouring states and have more than 2 per cent Covid positivity rate cannot allow public celebration," he added.

He said that cultural or entertainment programmes, like orchestra and DJ music, as part of the festival are strictly prohibited. "No processions will be allowed while bringing the Ganesh idol or immersing it. A provision will be made to erect pandals of 50x50 feet and organisers should ensure that not more than 20 people are at the pandal at a time and devotees should adhere to all Covid-appropriate behaviour. Permission is given to keep idols only for five days. The rules also apply for celebrations at apartments," he said.

Only eco-friendly idols will be sold and they must be immersed only at designated places like ponds identified by the local administration and mobile tanks. He stressed that celebrations should not be organised at schools and colleges.

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With Ganesha Chaturthi just round the corner, Ganesha idols get finishing touches on RV Road in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

WHAT'S ALLOWED AND WHAT'S NOT

Only one pandal is allowed per ward in urban areas	No public celebration in border taluks with more than 2 per cent Covid positivity rate	Gathering of more than 20 devotees at a time is prohibited	Cultural and entertainment programmes as well as processions completely prohibited
Idols should be under 4 feet for public celebrations and 2 feet at homes	No celebrations in schools and colleges		
	Celebrations allowed only for five days, and must wind up before 9 pm	Organisers must carry Covid-negative report and get vaccinated	

State records 8 deaths, lowest in second wave

Bengaluru: The state reported just eight Covid deaths on Sunday, the lowest since April 2 and 3 when six were reported dead on each of those days five months ago. Of the eight deaths, five are from Bengaluru, while the rest three are from Mysuru, Belagavi and Dakshina Kannada. However, despite the low deaths, the mortality rate has remained constant at 1.26 per cent for exactly a month and the positivity rate fell to 6.66 per cent. **P3**

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 04	SEPT 05
Fresh cases	42,618	42,766
Recoveries	36,385	38,091
Deaths	330	308

KARNATAKA	SEPT 04	SEPT 05
Fresh cases	983	1,117
Recoveries	1,620	1,354
Deaths	21	08

A section of the massive gathering at the kisan mahapanchayat at Muzaffarnagar on Sunday | PTI

Call by farm unions to defeat BJP in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

FARMER unions on Sunday gave a call to uproot BJP governments from UP and Uttarakhand in the upcoming state elections early next year, at a massive mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar organised by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha.

The morcha, which is an umbrella body of 40 farmer unions, also decided to hold Bharat Bandh on September 27 in support of their primary demand to repeal three contentious farm laws passed by Parliament last year.

National spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, Rakesh Tikait, said, "We have to stop the country from getting sold. Farmers should be saved; the country should be saved; businesses, employees and youth should be saved. This is the mahapanchayat's aim."

Prominent among those on the dais were Yogendra Yadav, activist Medha Patkar and CPM leader Atul Anjan.

The humongous turnout could be a wake-up call for the ruling BJP as the mahapanchayat not only had the support of Jat khaps (clans) but also of some Muslim khaps of western UP. In the last three elections, the BJP did extremely well in western UP because of the Jat-Muslim polarisation following the Muzaffarnagar riots in 2013, with the saffron party mopping up the Jat votes. The Jat-Muslim animosity seems to be dissolving now in the wake of the farmers' unrest. Perhaps with that in mind, Tikait raised slogans of both *Allahu Akbar* and *Har Har Mahadev* from the dais. Western UP is important as it has around 130 of the 403 Assembly seats in the state.

BJP MP Varun Gandhi sought to reach out to the farmers, calling them "our own flesh and blood" and suggested that the government should re-engage with them to arrive at a common ground.

Tikait said the protest on Delhi's border and other sites would continue. BKU media incharge Dharmendra Malik claimed that farmers belonging to 300 outfits from various states attended the gathering.

Tying votes to fair price for farm produce

"This UP government should be given *vote ki chhot* (electoral defeat). The slogan of *fasal on ke daam nahi, to vote nahi* (no fair price for crops, no votes) will have to be raised," Tikait said, asking why the Adityanath government has not raised the sugarcane procurement price

8K security personnel

Around 8,000 security personnel were deployed. Security was tightened at the residences of local BJP lawmakers, including Union minister Sanjiv Balyan and BJP MLA Umesh Malik

SANGH DISTANCES ITSELF FROM CONTROVERSIAL REPORT ON INFY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) on Sunday distanced itself from an article that appeared in Panchjanya, a magazine associated with it, which questioned that whether an 'anti-national' conspiracy could be behind glitches on the income tax portal handled by IT major Infosys.

On Sunday, RSS spokesperson Sunil Ambekar tweeted that the views expressed in the piece are not of the organisation's but of the author's. The Sangh spokesperson also mentioned the contribution of Infosys in progress of the country.

"As an Indian company, Infosys has made seminal contribution in progress of the country. There might be certain issues with a portal run by Infosys, but the article published by Panchjanya in this context only reflects individual opinion of the author," Ambekar said. "Panchjanya is not mouthpiece of the RSS and the said article or opinions expressed in it should not be linked with the RSS."

The portal was in the news after difficulties faced by taxpayers in electronic filing of I-T returns. At a meeting with Infosys CEO Salil Parekh, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had expressed disappointment on the issue of persistent glitches and set a September 15 deadline to fix all the glitches plaguing 'the current functionalities' of the new Income Tax filing portal.

In the Panchjanya's September 5 edition, the article said due to glitches in both the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and income tax return websites developed by Infosys, "taxpayers' trust in the country's economy has taken a hit. Is it that anti-national forces via Infosys are trying to hurt India's economic interests?"

MEDICOS IN MP TO STUDY ABOUT HINDUTVA ICONS

Bhopal: First-year medical students in BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh will study the lives and works of RSS founder Dr KB Hedgewar, Bhartiya Jana Sangh leader Deendayal Upadhyaya, Swami Vivekananda and Dalit icon Dr BR Ambedkar as well as Maharshi Charaka and Sushruta among others in their Ethics course. **P10**

Nipah kills boy, adds to scare in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kozhikode

NIPAH virus claimed the life of a 12-year-old boy from Kozhikode district on Sunday, marking the first such death in three years after it wreaked havoc in northern Kerala. The samples of the boy from Pazhoor in Chathamangalam tested positive for the infection at the National Institute of Virology, Pune.

By Sunday afternoon, authorities had traced 188 people on his contact list, of which two healthcare workers showed symptoms of the infection. As many as 20 people on the list, including the boy's parents, are in the high-risk category and have been shifted to the medical college. Health Minister Veena George said: "Seven days is the incubation period of the virus. Next week is crucial." Nipah is generally transmitted to humans from animals. Human-to-human transmission is also possible. It has a case fatality rate of 40-75%.

A team from the National Centre for Disease Control described the infection as a local occurrence and not an outbreak. Meanwhile, the NIV-Pune will set up a lab for initial screening at the medical college here on Monday. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

Former prez's grandson passes away at 66

Chennai: Keshav Desiraju, former Union Health Secretary and grandson of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birth anniversary is celebrated as Teachers Day, passed away in Chennai on Sunday. He was 66. Desiraju was an IAS officer from the 1978 batch of Uttarakhand cadre. **P7**

Restrictions eased in Kashmir, but forces stay

Srinagar: Restrictions were eased in Kashmir, but security forces continued to remain deployed on the fourth day on Sunday following the death of hardline separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani. There are no restrictions on movement of people in the Valley, but barricades continue to remain.

48%

EXCISE COLLECTION JUMPS IN APR-JULY

The Centre's collections from levy of excise duty on petroleum products have jumped 48 per cent in the first four months of the current fiscal, data from the Comptroller General of Accounts showed

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Bommai holds hush-hush meeting with Yediyurappa

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

JUST days after the BJP high command projected Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai as the face of the party for the 2023 Assembly polls, which reportedly has not gone down well with several leaders within the party, Bommai called on his 'guide' and predecessor BS Yediyurappa on Sunday morning.

Party sources said that the one-on-one, closed-door meeting was part of continuing efforts of Bommai to keep the senior leader in good humour, especially ahead of the legislature session beginning from September 13. This is to safeguard each others' interests on the floor of the House, as the opposition Congress is reportedly planning to raise the issue of several alleged scams during the Yediyurappa government, party sources said.

The meeting, dubbed as a courtesy call, lasted about 15 minutes at Yediyurappa's residence Cauvery.

Party workers felt that the hush-hush tête-a-tête could also be to discuss appointments to various boards and corporations. Bommai could not have gone ahead with this crucial decision without consulting Yediyurappa, they pointed out.

Bommai may have tried to draw from Yediyurappa's experience on handling the crucial zilla and taluk panchayat elections, which are the first litmus test for the new chief minister, they said.

Earlier in the day, at the inauguration of the government's flagship scheme – 'CM's Raitha Makkala Vidhyanidhi', which is aimed at helping children of farmers with financial aid for their education at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha, Bommai termed Yediyurappa as the Karnataka BJP government's 'guide'.

"Apart from presenting a budget dedicated to the agriculture sector for the first time in the country, Yediyurappa implemented many pro-farmers schemes," Bommai said in his speech.

Last week during his visit to the State, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said that Yediyurappa resigned on his own and picked Bommai as his successor. This effectively means that the high command has passed on the task of cajoling Yediyurappa to Bommai, a BJP leader said.

A file image of CM Basavaraj Bommai with his predecessor B S Yediyurappa | EXPRESS

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Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Para shuttlers help India sign off on a high

India finished the Tokyo Paralympics with their best tally ever – 19 medals (5 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze). The final day saw India win two more medals courtesy of the shuttlers to finish 24th in the overall standings.

SHUTTLER **KRISHNA NAGAR** WON GOLD IN THE MEN'S SINGLES SH6 CATEGORY AFTER BEATING HONG KONG'S MAN KAI CHU 21-17, 16-21, 21-17 IN THE FINAL ON SUNDAY.

Fellow shuttler **SUHAS YATHIRAJ** claimed a silver medal in the men's singles SL4 category. He lost to top seed Lucas Mazur of France 21-15, 17-21, 15-21 in the final. **P13**

Two shooters, Singhraj Adhana and Avani Lekhara, bagged two medals each. While Adhana won silver in the 50m pistol (SH1) event and bronze in the men's 10m air pistol (SH1) event, Avani won gold in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) event and bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions (SH1) event. In the process, Avani became the first Indian woman to claim two medals in a single Paralympics.

Silver-medallist T Mariyappan gets a grand welcome in Chennai on Sunday | EXPRESS

IAS officer Suhas a medal winner too

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @ Shivamogga

ON Sunday, Jayashree was a proud mother. Her son, para-shuttler Suhas Yathiraj, secured the silver medal in the men's singles SL4 class. As the feeling sunk in, she dialed her son, just to hear his voice and bless him. Yathiraj asked his mother, "Amma nanu hege adide? Gold barubahuditteno!" (How did I play, mother? I might have won gold!). The mood in the entire Yathiraj clan was understandable as other members of the family lined up to congratulate Karnataka-born Suhas, who has impairment in one of his ankles.

"We are all happy with his excellent performance and Suhas's dream of playing at Paralympics came true. We thought he could win gold. Anyway, he has brought laurels to India. We are happy that Prime Minister Modi spoke to him," Jayashree said of Suhas, who is the district magistrate at Gautam Buddh Nagar in Noida.

Shuttler Suhas Yathiraj with his medal at the Tokyo Paralympics on Sunday | PTI

What makes the achievement even more special is the way he allocated time for both his administrative duties and badminton in Noida. With Covid hitting India hard, his life was even more difficult as he had to manage the fight against the pandemic. After taking care of his duties as district magistrate, he practised regularly at night.

He started excelling in the sport after taking it up professionally in 2016. He clinched his first major gold medal at the Asian Championship in the same year in China. Thereon, he began to improve further and deliver at big meets, and his silver in Tokyo is his biggest highlight yet.

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Monday: 06.09.2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Sravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Chaturdashi 6.42 am • Nakshatra: Makha 6.20 pm • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 24°C
FORECAST: Light showers. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am | Sunset 6.27 pm | Moonrise 5.21 am | Moonset 6.19 pm

A health worker administers Covid-19 vaccine to a beneficiary at a health centre in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

College mgmts fear burden of quarantine

Health officials worried about laxity and attitude towards rise in Covid-19 cases

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AS the number of clusters of those coming from Kerala to Karnataka and testing positive is on the rise, the worry among managements and health officials, is also soaring.

While the managements of educational and professional institutions fear institutional quarantine (IQ), health checks, payments and responsibilities associated with it, health officials are worried about the laxity and attitude, which is leading to the rise in Covid-19 cases and the formation of clusters in the state.

"Cases are not just rising in Dakshina Kannada and Kolar, but have also started to rise in Bengaluru, and the first in line is the Christian College of Nursing in Mahadevapura. We learnt about it because students started showing symptoms and some of their contacts were staying in other places who told neighbours and the word spread. But there are many other colleges and institutions who have not shared the data as yet, despite government orders," said a senior BBMP official not wanting to be named.

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> BBMP official

Health department officials who have expressed their concerns said that, those who come from Kerala do not want to go in for institutional quarantine and "assert that they have a negative report".

"The managements tell us that they believe the reports their students and employees are carrying, but if the government does not believe it and are insisting on IQ, then the government should make all arrangements for it and not put the onus on the managements. They want to shun this task under the guise of an additional test and expenditure," said a health department official.

The BBMP and the health department has identified and listed out hotel rooms for those coming from Kerala, to undergo IQ. If need be, some are also being sent to Covid-19 care centres.

"Managements do not understand that even if they carry negative test reports, the virus can start acting after five to seven days. IQ and an additional test is no harm. This exercise also ensures that the virus does not spread and cases do not rise," said another BBMP official.

Anganwadi workers worry about job security

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ANGANWADI workers, employed by the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), who take care of the nutritional needs of children below six years of age and pregnant women in the state, feel overworked and underpaid, and now with the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) and creches, they fear the end of their professional existence.

"Twice a month, we ensure provisions reach those who have children below six years of age at home. Once a month, we hold mothers' meeting to motivate early parents to maintain hygiene for their children and ensure nutrition is given to them," said Lakshmi (name changed) an anganwadi worker in the city.

She is among the other workers who fear that if creches are introduced in the state for children below three years of age, as budgeted in the urban anganwadi's, it will take a toll on other duties towards teaching and nutrition. Besides, there is not enough physical place in anganwadis to accommodate toddlers and young children of ages 3-6 years, she added.

The workers are asking the government to consider shifting the creches outside the anganwadis due to several constraints.

A source privy to the department's working told TNIE that while presently anganwadis teach children from 3-6 years of age, there were plans to absorb children of 4-6 years into the preparatory classes like the NEP suggested. The education department will design their curriculum. This leaves children of ages 3-4 with the DWCD department.

Laxmi said, if that is the case, this will leave the anganwadis with fewer than 10 children. "Will the government really let us keep their jobs for Rs 10,000?" she questioned.

Further, Laxmi says -- an approximate of 20 percent anganwadi workers have not cleared their 10th standard. While NEP says there is provision to train these teachers too for a year and absorb them in preparatory classes under Early Childhood Care and education of the NEP, she says that the department is yet to pass orders that these teachers too will be trained. "Surveys are being conducted, to know who can be the beneficiaries of these creches and tallying the number of children between the age group of 0-6 , 6-1 and 1-2 years of age and so on," said a source.

HS Sunanda, State General Secretary of Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers' Association, said that if the NEP is implemented for pre-primary levels and anganwadis have to be attached to an education cluster, the distance to travel to one will impede parents from sending their children. "Even if a vehicle is arranged from a central point, there is still a gap between homes to the central point," she added.

GREEN ROUTE

BJP state vice-president Tejaswini Ananth Kumar at a workshop on eco-friendly Ganesha idols, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Festivities must end before 9 pm

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"MEMBERS of committees that organise pubic celebrations must carry Covid-negative certificates and should be compulsorily vaccinated. Local authorities will hold vaccination drives near pandals and jab those not vaccinated," the minister said.

He specified that idols that are kept at public places should not exceed 4 feet while those at home should be 2 feet. "Organisers must obtain permission from agencies concerned before erecting pandals and wind up the celebrations before 9 pm, as night curfew will be in force," Ashoka said. The guidelines stated that pandals must be sanitised every day and devotees must be allowed after providing sanitiser and checking their temperature.

Sensitisation needed on gender-based violence

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THE recent instances of crimes against women, specially after the gang-rape of a college student in Mysuru, have brought the focus back on gender-based violence. A cross-section of experts pointed out that social institutions like family, media, and even schools, showcase a twisted idea of gender relations, which needs to be addressed.

Writer, social policy researcher and Dalit activist Cynthia Stephen said that the school itself does not include teachings about gender equality. "When we grew up, we were taught values of nationalism, unity and inclusion. But now, we see values of inequality and discrimination at the school level. Twenty years down the line, you see a degeneration of the social fabric, violence of extreme nature – both based on gender and caste," she added.

Manasee Palshikar, a Bengaluru-based doctor, still finds some disdain for working women among male colleagues. She believes that if empathy is inculcated in schools, the apathy towards non-male genders can be arrested.

"Apart from teaching respect for other genders in the curriculum, boys should be shown through practical approaches how to interact with them at work as they grow up, and also to recognise that colleagues from other genders have also worked as hard as them and are as intelligent to be in that position at work," she said.

While schools definitely have a role to play, journalist and author Ammu Joseph, pointed out that families, society as a whole, and the media, impact children's sense of themselves and others, making it hard to point fingers at merely one institution.

"While there is growing support for girls at least in some families and certain sections of society, most boys even in such families do not get much guidance on gender equality and gender relations. As a result, they grow up with no sense that the world is changing and they need to adjust and adapt. That is one of the biggest problems - not enough attention has been paid to sensitising boys. So there is this big gap in understanding and expectations," she said.

Educationist Niranjan Aradhya said, "A textbook may say that men and women are equal, but during school programmes, girls are usually asked to give bouquets to chief guests," he said. He suggested flipping traditional gender roles in school.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

06th Septembar: If you've ever looked at the sky and wondered how on earth anyone ever figured out where the constellations are, then join the club. I have great difficulty recognising the stars of Cancer as a Crab, or Capricorn as a Goat. Aries, another great constellation, is really just a straight line of three bright stars - not at all like a Ram. It's more like a piece of string!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You are unlikely to have a quiet week. Strange to say, there'll be a number of eye-catching events which will reflect, in some significant way, the possibilities surfacing in your private, inner life. Don't worry. It's all down to that powerful pair, the Sun and the Moon.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It may not be easy to reach firm agreem-ents although, if arrangements do break down, it will be through no fault of yours. Yet, if you step back from your demand for total commitment, friends will be in a more amenable mood and events are likely to run smoothly.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
In spite of everything that's been said and done, you are always ready to forgive past misdeeds once partners and loved ones realise the error of their ways. Now that Mercury is your ally, you should be wise and magnanimous in victory. And whatever doesn't work out in your favour can be put down as a learning opportunity.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Energetic Mars is likely to prove a welcome presence, challenging you to discard your normal restraint and reticence. It will be quite something when you finally say what's on your mind! However, don't fall into the trap of imagining you can blame people for your mistakes!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There's mystery in the air, provoked by the activities of Mars as it burrows deep, releasing long-forgotten feelings and passions. Don't be surprised if a colleague spills the beans. And don't be alarmed if someone ends up presenting you with a bill.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Expect an increasingly easy ride at work. What is so pleasant is that you are the last person to expect that circumstances should be so favourable. In fact, you'll be in the powerful position of deciding whether ordinary mortals get a look-in or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You're not one to look a gift horse in the mouth so, when a partner offers to wait on you, who are you to complain? It's also about time that you allowed other people to shoulder more responsibility. After all, why should you have to do everything?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Venus has the power to play a softening role in your life, and you may be lured into a series of pleasant romantic encounters. In business, there's an excellent chance of successful deals, but no need to rush into anything until you're absolutely satisfied there are no further circumstances to uncover.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
If you've been too involved in day-to-day affairs, now may be the time to shift the emphasis in favour of long-term ambitions. Leisure activities may be directed towards acquiring respect in the community. If there's one thing you deserve, it's recognition for your achievements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Mars may raise your spirits to higher planes, yet associates will soon bring you down to earth. You must be prepared for partners to obstruct your more interesting and innovatory proposals. What you then have to figure out is just why they won't go along with your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're not always well-known for your business skill, but today you may feel the need to build up your personal resources. The desire for domestic and family security seems to be a prime motivation. But it may be enough for now just to make plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Moon is bringing intriguing swings of mood. You may even be off in fantasy-land. However, there's no excuse for not getting on with work in hand or keeping an eye on developments which could have a profound effect on your prospects. Enjoy the day but plan for the future.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

LOCKHORNS

"WELL... IT IS IN OUR PRICE RANGE."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WE HAVE TO GET OUR ACT TOGETHER, MOM. YOU BE CHARMING AND I'M CUTE."

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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3				5			2	
	9	6			5			
		5			8		3	2
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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

7	1	5	2	4	6	9	3	8
9	2	8	3	5	7	4	1	6
6	3	4	9	1	8	7	2	5
5	7	9	1	2	3	8	6	4
4	6	1	8	9	5	3	7	2
3	8	2	6	7	4	5	9	1
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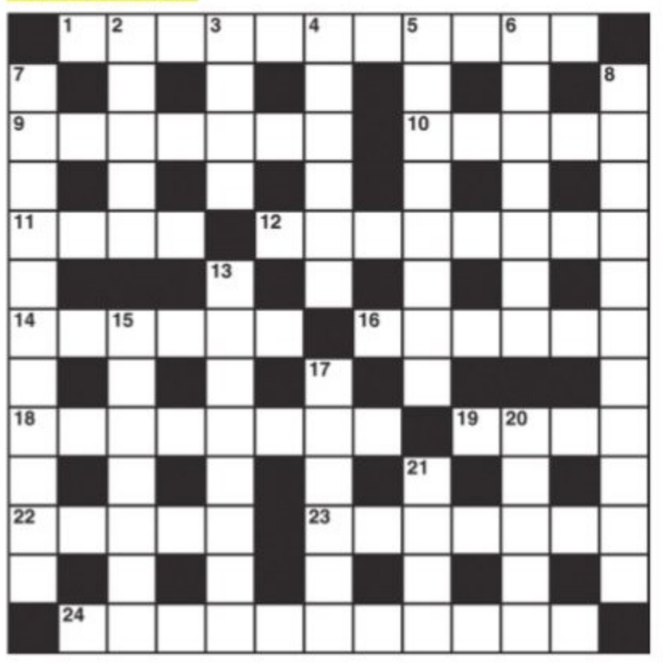
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 What customs demand the prosecution must first do (4,3,4)
9 His examinations necessitate a lot of bookwork (7)
10 Father turns the tap with hesitation (5)
11 Still on level terms (4)
12 A cutback difficult for fish (8)
14 People enter for this sort of sport (6)
16 Fire tender (6)
18 Standard feature of most city streets (8)
19 But a change will be forbidden (4)
22 Publication is put to wrong use (5)
23 A piece of yarn (7)
24 A record turnover? (7,4)

DOWN
2 Minister of the armed forces (5)
3 Record that makes money (4)
4 A drug almost does for the leading lady (6)
5 Surpass a large town in volume (8)
6 Check a resolute defender of sport (7)
7 Sort of help that's not fancied? (8,3)
8 The ways of business (5,6)
13 About fifty vie to be perfect (8)
15 The estate needs me to reorganise it (7)
17 Rose is involved in basketwork (6)
20 Get out of a vacuum (5)
21 Touch with an oral greeting (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Memory, 4 Umbrella, 9 Single, 10 Edginess, 12 Lulu, 13 Texas, 14 Talc, 17 Cost of living, 20 Winning score, 23 Opus, 24 Upset, 25 Lead, 28 Main tain, 29 Intake, 30 Respects, 31 Threat

Down: 1 Misplace, 2 Mona Lisa, 3 Roll, 5 Made advances, 6 Rain, 7 Leeway, 8 Alsace, 11 Selling point, 15 Sonic, 16 Gnash, 18 Coverage, 19 Dead heat, 21 Former, 22 Duties, 26 Stye, 27 Inch

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TOTIUF

LCASLU

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We've got two. We need three more.
This is cheap! All the kids can have their own!
FRISBEES 5 FOR $10
THE FRISBEES THAT WERE ON SALE FOR FIVE FOR $10 WERE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:** KNOWN ODDLY INDOOR OUTLAW
ANSWER: Some birds have such big egos because it's easy for them to – LOOK DOWN ON YOU

Central team visits Belagavi

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team on Sunday visited flood-hit taluks of Belagavi district to survey the damage caused owing to the recent floods. The team, which is in Belagavi for two days, visited Khanapur, Hukkeri and Gokak taluks on the first day

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,117 CASES REPORTED TODAY

983 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TODAY	29,55,164
YESTERDAY	29,54,047

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
8	21

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until September 5, 2021, a total of **29,55,164** cases have been reported in 1 year and 180 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,354	1,620

Active cases

TODAY	17,501
YESTERDAY	17,746

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.71%
YESTERDAY	6.73%

The day positivity rate - **0.71%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.14%
YESTERDAY	98.13%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

358 BENGALURU URBAN

7 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	2
Belagavi	20
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	2
Chikkaballapura	4
Chikkamagaluru	36
Chitradurga	4
Dakshina Kannada	183
Davanagere	10
Dharwad	5
Gadag	0
Hassan	48
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	4
Kodagu	62
Kolar	30
Koppal	5
Mandya	25
Mysuru	59
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	48
Tumakuru	28
Udupi	130
Uttara Kannada	47
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

GLOW RETURNS

Visitors enjoy the illuminated Mysuru Palace on Sunday evening after the weekend curfew was lifted in the city. Mysuru reported 59 fresh cases | UDAYSHANKAR S

With 8 deaths, state at a new low in five months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA on Sunday reported just eight Covid-19 deaths, the lowest since April 2 and 3 when six patients were reported dead on each day.

Of the eight deaths, five are from Bengaluru, while the remaining three are from Mysuru, Belagavi and Dakshina Kannada. All the deceased are women aged between 47 and 81. While five of them had Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), three had Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and all the deaths occurred at designated or private hospitals.

However, despite the low deaths, the mortality rate has remained constant at 1.26% for exactly a month. The mortality rate had touched a low of 0.96%, much to the relief of health department officials and experts, who have been aiming to keep the rate below one per cent to keep fatalities at the minimum. Health officials attributed the mortality rate remaining constant at 1.26% to fewer numbers testing positive, compared to a month ago, and explained that the mortality rate is calculated as the percentage of deaths to the total number infected.

This is also evident from the fact that the positivity rate (number of people testing positive per 100 tests) during the second wave of the pandemic has been constantly on the decline since June 4, when the rate was 8.81%. As on Sunday, the positivity rate fell to 6.66%, although the lowest positivity rate through the pandemic was 4.63% as on April 4 this year, after which it started moving relentlessly upwards to 8.81 per cent, only to start falling to Sunday's figure.

While 8.81% is the peak of positivity rate in the second wave, it was a much higher 12.64% on September 27, in the first wave of the pandemic — but Covid testing was much lower in comparison to the second wave.

Karnataka on Sunday also reached peak recovery rate, at 98.14% — the highest through the pandemic. The peak recovery rate during the first wave was 98.06% on January 30 this year, when the first wave was rapidly waning.

Bengaluru, too, reached its highest recovery rate of 98.12%, and is likely to go up further in the days to come. However, the state capital's mortality rate is 1.29%, which is a few notches higher than Karnataka's, and has remained constant for almost two months since July 9.

Recovered Covid patients should not skip second jab

Antigens from infection, one dose not robust enough, finds study

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A new study done by researchers from Northwestern University has evaluated the body's response to the Covid-19 vaccine, particularly in comparison to natural immunity and emerging variants.

Among other things, the study sheds light on why choosing to skip a vaccine dose or waiting for natural immunity can backfire spectacularly. Experts in the state also warned that skipping the second dose is not a good idea as there are a few cases in rural Karnataka of people who seem to have skipped the second dose, especially the ones who have been infected with Covid-19 after the first dose.

"We have seen such cases in the state too. Many people are not aware that there is a difference between naturally-infected and vaccine-induced antigen development. The vaccine-induced one has a far higher immunogenic response. We must definitely not miss the second dose," Dr Manjunath CN, director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, said.

Interestingly, in the Northwestern University study, researchers opine that some people are operating under the mistaken belief that it is ideal to contract Covid-19 and develop natural immunity to the disease. Aside from the obvious problem that this would require getting sick and taking the massive risk associated with Covid-19, the resulting natural protection may be far less robust than hoped.

Agreeing with the study, Dr Manjunath also said that catching the SARS-CoV-2 virus does not automatically guarantee the patient a high level of protective antibodies.

The researchers warned that people who previously had the disease won't necessarily experience a "robust" response to the first vaccine dose, underscoring the need to get the second dose.

In Karnataka, 3.35 crore people have been administered with the first dose of vaccine and only 1.11 crore of them have been given their second dose.

According to health officials, while many have deferred taking their second dose after getting infected with Covid-19, some have even forgotten the dates. Officials have apparently been dialling people and asking them to come for their second jab.

"We have started calling those whose second dose is due. We are requesting them to take the second dose immediately. We will give priority to second dose recipients so that they do not have to wait for long," an official said.

DK saw more Covid deaths than B'luru in August

MANGALURU : Dakshina Kannada recorded the highest number of Covid-19 deaths in August this year. As many as 129 deaths were reported with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 1.55%, the highest in the state, while Bengaluru saw only 113 deaths in the month. Of the 129 deaths, 97 were from Dakshina Kannada, while 32 were from other districts. Meanwhile, the health department is taking extra measures in 13 of the 60 wards under Mangaluru city corporation where test positivity rate is high. Over 600 positive cases were reported in the city limits in the last 10 days and of them 300 were from these 13 wards. ENS

COVID BYTES

8 more nursing students test +ve in Kolar

KOLAR: Eight more nursing students of Noorunnisa Institute of Nursing in KGF tested positive for the Novel Coronavirus on Sunday raising the total number of cases in the institute to 73. According to District Surveillance Officer Dr Chandhan, three students are undergoing treatment in SNR Hospital, while the remaining are recovering in BGML Hospital. On Sunday, Kolar district reported 30 fresh cases, while the number of discharges stood at 13. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **SRI AMARESH REDDY.,** S/o Late. Narayana Reddy, aged about 46 Years, R/o. Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District., has lost an Original Sale Deed dated 13.03.1973, bearing Document No.3188/72-73, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal Bangalore. Original Sale Deed Dated 20.09.1969, Document No.1774/1969-70, registered before the office of the sub Registrar Anekal, Original Sale Deed Dated 12.05.1964, Document No.1724/64-65, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal Bangalore. Original Release Deed Dated, 11.09.2013, Document No. 3465/2013-2014, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele Bangalore along with other property documents, while he was Shifting his house from Sompura Village to Sarjapura. In this regard he has also lodged a police complaint on 01.09.2021 before the Sarjapura Police Station. Further it is informed to the public at large that anybody finds those documents, kindly hand over the same to me at my office in the address given below.

The public are hereby cautioned any persons makes claim or makes any transactions over the property based on the lost documents, my client is not at all liable for the said transactions and the said transactions are void and not binding on my client.

PRABHAT .V HEGDE, Advocate
No. 1140, 4th Floor, 17th Cross, HSR Layout, 7th Sector, Bangalore - 560 102.

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-62)
P & SC No. 428/2021

Between: Smt. Anusuya, W/o late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 46 years, R/at No.93, Magadi Main Road, Vrushabhavathinagara, Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560079. ... **Petitioner**

And: Nil ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named petitioner has filed a petition under section 372 of Indian Succession Act, praying for grant of Successions Certificate ie., succeeding to the estates of Late Narasimhamurthy who expired on 11-5-2021 petitioner was the wife of deceased Narasimhamurthy.

Any person having their objection/s for issue of Succession Certificate in respect of the schedule in favour of the Petitioner and any person having interest may cause the same by appearing before the court in person or through their Advocate on **19-10-2021** at 11.00 AM failing which the matter will be heard and disposed off in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Settlement amount, Death benefits, PF, Gratuity and other benefits of late Narasimhamurthy.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 01-09-2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **NAVEEN KUMAR S.B.**
ADS Associates,
No. 72, 1st Floor, Avenue Road, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its sole Owner **Smt. SANDHYA MULCHANDANI,** D/o late Malati Raghavan& late T.K. Raghavan, residing at: No.8, Friends Colony West, New Delhi-110065.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.77/1 (portion of old No.77) PID No.50-25-77/1, measuring East to West 121 ft 6 inches and North to South 47 ft 3 inches, with a building thereon, situated at Surveyor Street, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Property bearing No.77
West by : Property bearing No.76
North by : Property bearing No.15
South by : Surveyor Street

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand,
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004.

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.MISC. No. 424/2021

Between: Smt. Bhadrakalamma, D/o Late Erappa, W/o Shankarappa, aged about 56 years, R/at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Thavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-562129. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: Thahasildar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Kandaya Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above Petition for seeking a direction to the Tahasildar Bengaluru South Taluk, to register the death of One **Erappa S/o Kabiah,** who died on **10-01-1986** at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Thavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. On the above petition is posted on **07-10-2021** at 11.00 A.M. for appearance of interested parties shall appear before the court on the above said date and time in personally/ their Advocates and file their objections failing which the matter will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 03-09-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **C.R. SATISH KUMAR**
Old No. 206, 8th Main, Railway Layout 2nd Stage, Near RTO office, Bhavani Nagara, Mallathahalli, Bengaluru -560 110. Mob: 9844007592.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXX ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl. Mis. No. 2578/2021

BETWEEN: Smt. Selvi .S, W/o Selva Raj, aged about 60 years, R/at No. 16, 6th Cross, Swathantrapalya, Sriramapura, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560021. ... **Petitioner**

AND: The Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above petitioners has filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of Deceased who is the deceased is Son-in-law to the petitioner named as **S. SHANKAR, S/O N. SUBRAMANI,** he died on **13/12/2019** at K.K. Hospital, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, the same is required for documentation purpose.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the XXX Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, at 11.00 AM on **01-10-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal the court on 31-08-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XXX ACMM Court, Bangalore.

Bank of Baroda (ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಬರೋದ / बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा)
Banashankari Branch: No 334/22, 41st Cross, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore-560082.
PH: 080-22443179, 080- 26651140,
E-Mail: vjbana@bankofbaroda.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable property) [See Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of Baroda Banashankari Branch under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 &9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice dated 03-06-2021 calling upon the borrowers **(1) Mr. Gottigere H Sridhar, S/o Dr. G V Honnappa, (2) Mrs. Shalini Sridhar, W/o Gottigere H Sridhar, (3) Miss. Nidhi Sridhar D/o Gottigere H Sridhar,** residing at S2, Sai Madhur Nilaya,12th Main, 5th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore South 560078 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.93,38,212.62/-** (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Sixty Two Paise Only) inclusive of interest upto 31-05-2021 and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rules8 & 9 of the said rules on this **31st day of August 2021**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.93,38,212.62/-** (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and Sixty Two Paise Only) inclusive of interest upto 31-05-2021 and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Equitable Mortgage of property bearing Eastern side site No.2596/2, BBMP PID No.194-W0833-6, BBMP Khatha No.2454/22/01/2596/2/1, Conversion Sy No.22/1, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, measuring East to West 94 ft and North to South (80+78)/2 ft . Boundaries: East By: Bannerghatta Road, West by: Sri G H Nareshkumar's share Western side site No.2596/2, North By: G V Shankar property, South by: 20 feet Road

Date : 31.08.2021 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**

Bank of Baroda (ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಬರೋದ / बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा)
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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rules8 & 9 of the said rules on this **31st day of August the year 2021**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 33,27,432.04** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two and Four Paise Only) inclusive of interest upto 31-05-2021 and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Equitable Mortgage of property bearing Westren side site No.2595/1, BBMP PID No.194-W0833-6, BBMP Khatha No.2455/2595/1/1, Conversion Sy No.22/1, situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, measuring East to West(75+116)/2 ft and North to South (84+98)/2 ft . and adjacent vacant site measuring East to West 60 ft. And North to South (35+39)/2 ft. Boundaries: East By: 10 ft Road and G V Honnappa's property, West by: Sy No.20/1 Land property, North By: 20 ft. Road, South by: G V Krishnamurthy property

Date : 31.08.2021 **Sd/-**
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **07/06/2021** calling upon the borrower **M/s. B Byrappa and Sons, M/s. Byrappa Collections, Mr. B Puttraj, Mr. B Eswarappa, Mr. P Narendra, Mrs. Pushpanjali, Mrs. Geetha Eswarappa, Mr. Byresh Byrappa, Mr. B Narayanaswamy and Mr. Nagaraj B** ("Borrower") to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 10,43,61,472.90 (Rupees Ten Crore Forty Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two and Ninety Paisa Only),** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **04th day of September of the year 2021**. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 10,43,61,472.90 (Rupees Ten Crore Forty Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two and Ninety Paisa Only) and interest thereon.**

Description of the Immovable Properties

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Sy No.29, new No.2/10, Akkitimmanahalli, then known as Pojariappa's Garden, Shanthinagar, presently bearing new municipal No.2/10, PID No.70-59-2/10, Muniswamy Garden in corporation ward No.70, Bangalore, presently comes to the limits of BBMP and **bounded on:- East by:** Property belongs to Muniyappa and others, **West by:** Property belongs to M.R. Mahesh, **North by:** Basappa cross road, **South by:** T.Siddabasappa layout.

Pankaj Gotawat
Date: 06/09/2021 **Authorized Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Deutsche Bank A.G.**

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SALE NOTICE
ANNEXURE - 13
(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch, Bangalore,** will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is "** on **30.09.2021** , for recovery of **Rs. 3,79,76,619.66** (Rupees Three crore seventy nine lakhs seventy six thousand and six hundred and nineteen rupees and sixty six paise only) along with costs, expenses and future interest **10.65 %** p.a compounded with monthly rest burn **01/08/2021** due to the **Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch, Bangalore,** from **M/s Vivek Enterprises,** No. 152, Wheeler Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore 560005. **2. Shri R K Dutta, Managing Partner,** M/s Vivek Enterprises, 152, Wheeler Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore – 560005. **3. Smt Vijaya Dutta, Partner, M/s Vivek Enterprises,** No. 7, Sundar Murthy Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore – 560005. **4. Bindesh Dutt, Partner M/s Vivek Enterprises,** No 7, 303, Ashoka Enclave, Netaji Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore 560005, **5. Shri Vikram Dutt, Partner M/s. Vivek Enterprises,** No 7, Sundara Murthy Road, Cox Town, Bangalore 560005

The Reserve price will be **For Property Rs. 1,92,56,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand only) EMD – Rs.19,25,600/-(Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred only)** The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **27.09.2021 up to 5.00 P M**

Details of property: Description of the Immovable property (Schedule Property) All that piece and parcel of land and building standing thereon together with fittings and fixtures of and every description therein, bearing Corporation Old No. 4 and New No. 70, situated in Central street, Civil Station, Bangalore, measuring on the East 11 feet and 7 inches or 3.52 meters, West 12 feet or 3.65 meters, North 55 feet and 9 inches or 16.99 meters and South 55 feet and 9 inches or 16.99 meters comprising a sital area of 60.98 square meters and built area of 48.54 square meters :- East by: Property Belonging to Sri Srinivasan West by : Central Street North by : Property Belonging to Sri Srinivasan South by : Property bearing corporation No 71.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **Website: (www.canarabank.com)** or may **contact Manager, Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch # 86/3 ,Coles Road, Fraser Town Bangalore- 560 005. Tel: 080- 25554842 M -9483530407 email: cb0407@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Date : 04.09.2021 **Canara Bank**

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(For Immovable property) [See Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of Baroda Banashankari Branch under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 &9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a demand notice dated 03-06-2021 calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr. Balakrishna H, S/o Late Hemanna, (2) Mr. Manjunath B, S/o Balakrishna H, (3) Mrs. Gangamma W/o Balakrishna H,** all are residing at No.7/12, Balaji Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Velvette Manor Layout, J P Nagar 8th Phase,Bangalore 560076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.69,07,941.63** (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty One and Sixty Three Paise Only) inclusive of interest upto 31-05-2021 and thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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Description of the Immovable Property

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Low-intensity quake in Vijayapura

Vijayapura experienced a low intensity earthquake measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale at 11.47 pm on Saturday. The epicentre of the quake was near Kolhapur at a depth of 38 km, according to the National Centre for Seismology

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Sudeep gets lessons in dress sense

Recently, Kannada actor Sudeep met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in his office. The picture was promptly posted on social media by both the CM and the actor, who is said to be close to Bommai and fondly calls him 'Mama'. But the picture did not meet with netizens' approval -- the actor was wearing a casual hoodie, with a message in the rather rebellious Illuminati font. Simply unacceptable! People doled out advice to the actor on how one should dress when meeting the CM. Wear formals, they said. Sudeep, who hosts Kannada Bigg Boss, is known to be a natty dresser. This subtle dressing-down, however, irked his fans...

Hole in the pocket: Blame it on Taliban

The Afghanistan crisis being cited as the reason behind the recent LPG price hike, by none other than Hubballi-Dharwad West MLA Arvind Bellad, left his constituents in a state of mild shock. Bellad, who was in the news two months ago as a contender for the chief minister's post, was heavily trolled on social media, and questioned about the price before the Taliban took over. Some dismissed the reason as just gas, others wanted elected representatives to come up with solutions for the price rise. "Acche din is only for the tycoons," they claimed. Bellad, though, was unruffled, saying that people are aware that Afghanistan supplied some natural gas to India, and "they (voters) will support our party".

Pay for your post, right up to V-C

Recently, Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan had frowned on undeserving elderlies getting appointed as Vice-Chancellors. Even this hallowed post is not free of taint and touts, it seems. A Bangalore University professor reportedly committed suicide after losing a huge amount of money to brokers who promised him the post. Touts, who continue to haunt the corridors of power, are reportedly demanding Rs 2 crore for the plum Bengaluru North University V-C post. When a humble BU professor told the kingpin that his capacity was just Rs 30lakh, he was dismissed with scorn. "Even a BDA site cannot be bought with that amount," remarked a broker, to which another said that even a Second Division Assistant post costs more. One professor of the old regime had almost bagged Kalaburagi University, and got the governor's nod too. But the minister put a spanner in the works, resulting in a net loss of Rs 2 crore for the professor.

Deadpan Gowda and reactionary son

After finishing his Old Mysuru tour, Karnataka BJP in-charge Arun Singh stated that the "JDS is a sinking boat". To which former CM H D Kumaraswamy reacted strongly and Singh made a quick comeback, suggesting that he learn how to react from his father. Last week, Singh held a Bengaluru BJP office-bearers meeting in Malleswaram, where each one had to introduce themselves. Though fitted out with a mike, some voices remained feeble. "Our Sangh Parivar grew from the days when even mikes were not affordable, you know," Singh said. The same day, H D Deve Gowda held a JDS women workers' meeting at his party office, to prepare for BBMP polls. Asked for his reaction to the "sinking boat" comment, he asked, "See, I have called for a women's meeting here, do you see any men?" Rather deadpan and off-topic, and certainly not reactionary, perhaps what Singh expects from HDK.

Industrial Adalats to give quick solutions

To benefit investors, manufacturers; Nirani plans to introduce symposiums for young entrepreneurs

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@ Bengaluru

THE Industries department will reintroduce 'Industrial Adalats' in an effort to solve problems related to the sector, Minister for Large and Medium Industries Murugesh Nirani said here on Sunday. The Adalats will be held from September 27.

The minister had introduced this concept during his earlier tenure (2008-13) as Industries minister. The Adalats provide a platform for industrialists and other stakeholders to get their grievances and disputes resolved on the spot, without taking to litigation, saving crucial time and money.

Minister Nirani has also chalked out symposiums and workshops in major cities across the state, along with Industrial Adalats, to encourage youngsters to become entrepreneurs. The symposiums will be held a day after the scheduled Industrial Adalats in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Belagavi and Kalaburagi. "We want to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship among our youths by imparting necessary skills through these workshops. We want them to emerge as job-providers instead of job-seekers," Nirani said.

The Adalats gain importance in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has taken its toll of industries.

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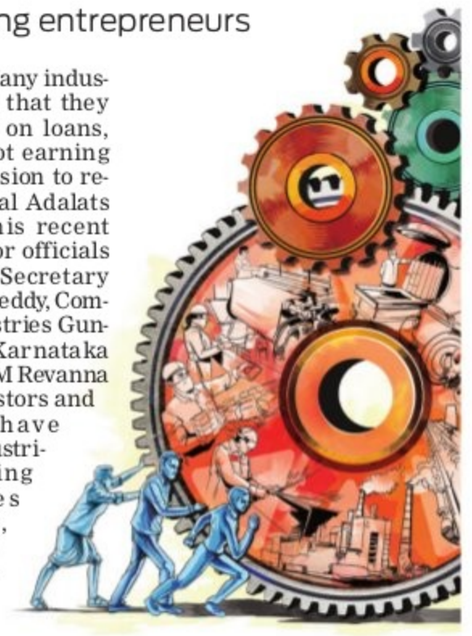
"At least 15-20 per cent of industrial units have shut down, and another 15-20 per cent have become sick in the past two years," said FKCCI President Perikal Sundar. Despite these conditions, they are paying fixed charges for power, running up bills of Rs 5-10 lakh per unit, though they have been closed. Many industrialists complain that they have to pay EMIs on loans, though they are not earning anything. The decision to reintroduce Industrial Adalats was taken after his recent meeting with senior officials Additional Chief Secretary (C&I) EV Ramana Reddy, Commissioner for Industries Gunjan Krishna and Karnataka Udyog Mitra MD HM Revanna Gowda. Many investors and industrialists have benefited from Industrial Adalats, having resolved issues of land disputes, taxes, fees and infrastructure facilities.



Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Karnataka Agriculture Minister BC Patil and Union MoS Shobha Karandlaje at the launch of the 'CM Raitha Nidhi Scholarship' scheme in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CM lays emphasis on post-harvest mgmt

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@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that thrust would be given to post-harvest management under the Comprehensive Agriculture Policy. Bommai was speaking after launching the 'Chief Minister Raitha Nidhi Scholarship' that will benefit 17 lakh children of farmers.

He said efforts will be made for farmers to get better prices for their crop through scientific storage of agricultural produce, transportation, marketing facilities, and other amenities. "Agricultural universities must successfully grow those plant varieties which are researched in the fields. They must come out of their premises and hit the fields," he said.

"During my visit to villages, I noticed that many children of farmers had cut short their education owing to lack of money. If they are educated, the situation of farmers too will improve," he said, elaborating on the need for the scholarship scheme.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that Rs 6,800 crore has been provided to establish farmers' produce organisations and other farmer welfare schemes. "Karnataka is a progressive state and is a model for other states because of several innovative agriculture schemes," he said.

Union MoS for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje said that small farmers will be supported by establishing 750 farmers' produce organisations in Karnataka. The Centret, in order to promote export of agricultural produce, has formulated 'One District, One Product' policy, she said.

Karnataka Agriculture Minister BC Patil, Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan, Horticulture Minister M Munirathna, and others were present.

5K teachers to be recruited

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> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said that the State Government will recruit 5,000 teachers this academic year to fill vacancies in government schools.

He was speaking at a function organised on the occasion of Teachers' Day here on Sunday.

He appreciated the 'Namma Shale, Nanna Koduge' (My school, my contribution) app for helping donors contribute to the development of government schools. Speaking on the National Education Policy-2020, Bommai said, "NEP is a student-centric policy. We need to get used to this revolutionary policy which will require schools, teachers, and the government to prepare for it."

Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh lauded teachers for being frontline workers during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. He said 31 teachers have lost their lives to the novel Coronavirus while on duty in the state.

"Teachers helped conduct the SSLC examination even during the pandemic keeping in mind the future of students. It was not an easy feat as 8,75,000 candidates appeared in the examination. I congratulate the teachers for this task," Nagesh said, adding that some districts have no teachers in government schools, which the CM has promised to address.

MLC Rizwan Arshad pointed out that several government schools lacked basic infrastructure, and many did not have a school-like environment. "This needs to change. There are some schools which are more than a century old which have not been renovated owing to lack of funds... this must be looked into. We need to discuss NEP in the Assembly by taking the opinion of all leaders," Arshad added.

Vishwanath slams Ashwath Narayan for 'unilateral' decision on NEP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

FORMER minister and senior BJP MLC AH Vishwanath on Saturday hit out at Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan for taking a "unilateral decision" on the implementation of National Education Policy-2020.

At a Teachers' Day function here, he said the government is planning to implement NEP from primary school to higher education institutions. "But the higher education minister had no courtesy to take the primary education minister into confidence. Ashwath Narayan should not have implemented the new policy in haste," he said. "Primary education is the foundation of the education system. Opinions of teachers should have been sought and likely hurdles in NEP implementation could have been discussed," he added.

The detailed guidelines of NEP should printed both in Kannada and English, and distributed among stakeholders, he advised.

He suggested that discussions on NEP should be held across the State and block education officers must anchor these interactions.

Former Education Minister Tanveer Sait said there should be a uniform education policy and called upon teachers to take a pledge to improve the education system. District incharge minister ST Somashekar conferred the best teacher awards on Shiva Kumar, Deva Shetty, G Ashok, Padamavathi KV and Kamalakshi DP.

Kateel flays Cong

State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel criticised Congress for opposing the National Education Policy. He said that Congress still follows Lord Macaulay's education policy and the party could not build a self-reliant nation despite ruling the nation for decades. He said Congress is influenced by Western culture.

EXPRESS READ

FM lays foundation for new IT office building

BENGALURU: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday laid the foundation for the office building of the Income Tax Department in the city. According to the officials concerned, the new building would be one of its kind, oriented to harness maximum natural lighting and GRIHA rating IV compliant. The building has provision for solar panels for power generation and a Rain Water Harvesting system, they said. The officials said that the building will comprise an exclusive public relations office to address grievances on priority and a waiting lounge for tax payers. It also houses Aaykar Seva Kendra for providing hassle free taxpayer services.

Goa may not be a cakewalk for sluggish Cong

BANSY KALAPPA
@ Bengaluru

GOA goes to polls in early 2022, the first assembly election in about two decades without the overwhelming presence of BJP leader Manohar Parrikar.

Despite a severe incumbency factor against the BJP, it is not going to be a cakewalk for the Congress. Many factors are at work in this tiny coastal state, where Covid mismanagement and other issues have run up much resentment against the coalition government led by the BJP.

The Congress is trying hard to win Goa, with Karnataka Congressmen holding pivotal positions -- former KPCC president Dinesh Gundu Rao, MLC Prakash Rathod, Mansur Ali (North Goa) and Sunil H (South Goa) have spent months, touring every constituency. The writing on the wall is clear: it's not going to be smooth sailing.

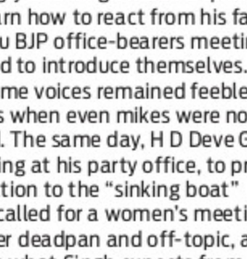
The grouse against the Congress is that it's not been an active opposition, and is disunited, with 3-4 candidates in most constituencies.

The party also did badly in recent municipal elections in Goa.

Many Congress leaders spoke of an alliance with the Goa Forward Party, formed by Vijay Sardesai, a former Congressman. Sardesai, who is a votary of an alliance, told *The New Indian Express*, "No one can assume that the Congress will be victorious. The Congress is taking its own sweet time to reboot its system, though elections are round the corner. We have been proposing an alliance with the Congress for about 18 months. Unless there is an alliance, there could be a division of secular votes like last time. Besides, the Congress lost in 13 municipal councils."

Meanwhile, Congress leader Prakash Rathod said, "Whether the Congress goes in for an alliance or not will be decided by the High Command. The BJP poached 13 of our MLAs."

Though elections are just months away, experts are not too sure which way the wind is blowing. They say that if the secular vote is not split, the Congress and GFP could together win over 25 seats. Sources said an internal survey by the BJP projects a dismal picture, which is worrying the saffron party.



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HAVING A BALL

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur (middle) serves during 'The Minister 6s vs Tejasvi Surya 6s', an exhibition volleyball match, in Bengaluru on Sunday. Thakur's team won the match 25-22 | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

STATUS QUO

Yediyurappa to stay on in Cauvery as Ashoka's 'long-term guest'

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

MORE than a month after resigning as chief minister of the state, BS Yediyurappa continues to live in 'Cauvery', one of the two designated residences of the CM, the other being 'Anugraha'. According to rules, he can continue to stay in Cauvery for three months after demitting office, after which he will either have to vacate or pay rent. Yediyurappa resigned on July 26 after a high-voltage political drama.

Insiders, however, say the 78-year-old Lingayat strongman is in no mood to vacate Cauvery for now, and will continue to stay in the bungalow till the 2023 Assembly elections, as he has got the bungalow allotted through Revenue Minister R Ashoka. Simply put, Yediyurappa will continue to stay in Cauvery as Ashoka's 'long-term guest'. Ashoka currently stays at his private residence.

The 'long-term guest' arrangement is not new to Karnataka politics. Congress leader Siddaramaiah did something similar after he lost power in 2018. He continued to stay in Cauvery after he got the house allotted to KJ George, who was minister in the JDS-Congress coalition government. Siddaramaiah remained there as George's full-time guest till the end of the 14-month coalition government in July 2019, and only after the coalition collapsed, he moved out to the Opposition leader's official quarters in Seshadripuram. Yediyurappa owns a house -- Dhavalagiri -- in Dollar's Colony and he was staying there before moving into Cauvery after its renovation in February 2020.CMs overstaying in their official quarters after quitting office is not new in Karnataka. Gundu Rao remained in his official residence for six months after his term ended. A few, like Ramakrishna Hegde, however, functioned from their personal residence even after becoming chief minister. It can be recalled that Yediyurappa was given Cabinet-rank status by his successor Basavaraj Bommai. Yediyurappa, however, declined the offer.

BIKE LIFTER ARRESTED The Basaveshwara Nagar police have arrested a bike lifter and recovered 13 two-wheelers from him. Police said Zameer Pasha was arrested in a bike theft case reported on August 31. Investigations revealed that he stole vehicles that were parked outside houses

60-YR-OLD GANGSTER CAUGHT IN MYSURU ROBBERY, MURDER CASE

'Bombay Budda' had accepted contract, roped in four others to commit crime

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

ONE of the accused in the daylight robbery and murder case near a jewellery store in Mysuru who had kept the police on their toes for over two weeks is said to have been caught, finally, in Maharashtra.

The 60-year-old accused, who is nicknamed as 'Budda' alias 'Bombay Budda', is currently being brought to Mysuru by the police.

Budda, an aged gangster and a habitual offender, is said to be the one who accepted the job to rob the jewellery shop and had roped in four others to commit the crime in broad daylight in Vidyaranyapuram.

With his arrest, all the eight accused in the case, including the mastermind -- a jeweller from Mysuru who gave the contract, have been taken into custody and are currently being interrogated to gather more details.

It is revealed that the gang had fled with nearly 2 kg gold and silver ornaments from the shop, of which the major share went to Budda.

Though the police arrested all the accused from different states and even reaching up to Jammu and Kashmir to pick up an accused, they had not been able to trace Budda, who had gone underground. However, with the help of local police in Maharashtra, he was arrested and is currently being brought back to the city, police sources told *TNIE*.

Meanwhile, the police have also recovered a revolver used by the gang which took away the life of a bystander. It is said that Budda after accepting the supari had roped in criminals whom he had met in jail during his past sentence.

MAN HELD FOR THEFT FROM MOBILE TOWER

Bengaluru: The Byadarahalli police have arrested a man who had allegedly stolen electronic cards that facilitate internet connection from a mobile network tower near Vigneshwara Nagar. The accused has been identified as Omkar. Police said that theft had taken place in the evening of August 27. Police have recovered articles worth Rs 1.50 lakh from the accused. **ENS**

MAN STABBED TO DEATH

Bengaluru: In a drunken brawl, a 38-year-old man was stabbed to death at Srirampura on Saturday night. The victim, Anand Armugam worked as a tailor and stayed at Ramachandrapura. Police arrested Lohith (26), a fish vendor, soon after the incident came to light. A senior police officer said the duo drank together at a bar. Later, Lohith stabbed Anand repeatedly. He collapsed on the footpath and passersby rushed him to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. **ENS**

NIGERIAN HELD FOR PEDDLING DRUGS

Bengaluru: CCB sleuths on Sunday arrested a Nigerian and seized ecstasy and LSD pills worth Rs 1 crore. The accused, Philip M (32), had come to the city on a tourist visa, and was staying in Kammanahalli. According to CCB sources, Philip smuggled them into Bengaluru in toothpaste and cosmetic boxes by road. A senior police officer said that based on a tip-off, a special team tracked Philip's movements and raided his house and seized the narcotics worth Rs 1 crore. **ENS**

HUMANOID HELPERS

IIIT Dharwad's Mitra robots will go vernacular

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH @Hubballi

THE Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Dharwad is adding speech-recognition features to humanoid robots at its campus in Hubballi to help the elderly and patients.

The prestigious IIIT has tied up with the Technology Incubation Hub on Autonomous Navigation and Data Acquisition (TiHAN), Invento Robotics and other firms to take up the Autonomous Navigating Humanoid project, aiming to add more features to Mitra robots.

Dr KT Deepak, a professor at IIIT and project investigators, said Invento Robotics has developed Mitra robots, which have a speech-recognition program developed by US-based firms. But the aim of the Autonomous Navigating Humanoid project is to develop own speech-recognition program. "At first, we will focus on Hindi and will add other regional languages later," he added.

After the speech program is completed, sensors, speech recognition programs, computer vision modules, identifying living and non-living beings and other features will be added to the robots that will be procured from Invento Robotics. The robots will help the elderly people and patients by taking them to different places in their house, reminding them about taking medicines and talking to them.

"Private companies, like Google, Amazon, IBM and others, have already developed speech-recognition programs. But buying their software and installing it in robots costs a lot. Our program will be cost-effective and can be widely used across the country," said another professor.

IIIT Dharwad Director Prof Kavi Mahesh with the Mitra robot | EXPRESS

Complaint filed against KSOU V-C

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AN official complaint was filed against Dr S Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Open University, before Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Sunday.

After hearing the complainants, the governor assured the complainants of corrective action.

The complainants — former vice-chancellor N S Rame Gowda and retired dean Dr Chambi Puranik — met the chancellor on the occasion of Teacher's Day and filed a complaint listing out serious allegations against V-C Vidyashankar, running into 33 pages.

After meeting the Governor, Gowda and Puranik alleged that "unnecessary" constructions are being carried out, burdening the university to the tune of about Rs 400 crore, and university funds are being wasted, they alleged.

"This university was a once an acclaimed one and appreciated by many, but today it is dying and if this continues at this rate, soon they might have to conduct a postmortem on a dead university," they told the governor.

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Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized Officer, of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated: **16.06.2021,** calling upon the **Borrower: 1. Mr. B.V. Ramesh,** Billahalli Village, Komalapura Post, Periyapatna Taluk. **2. Mr. B R Parmesh** S/o B V Ramesh, Billahalli Village, Komalapura Post, Periyapatna Taluk To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,48,460/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty only) as on **14.06.2021** inclusive of interest up to **21.12.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All the parts and parcel of Site and House Bearing Property Register Janger No 91 and Assessment No.68/1,68/2, Property No.263, total measuring 36x83 ft or 2988 sqft situated at Billahalli Village , Bettadapura Hobli Periyapatna Taluk, Mysore dist. Bounded by: East by: House of Chandra Shekara, West by : House of Veerabhadra, North By: Road, South By: Site of Applicant
Place: Periyapatna **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date : 01.09.2021 **State Bank of India,**

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Hemavathi intend to purchase land bearing Sy.No. 120 (old), measuring 4-30 gunta along with attached kharab land of 0-02 gunta, totally 4-32 gunta Dry Land, situated at Heggadati Halli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Kuginal Tq., From the vendor Smt. Jayamma .I.K.
If any Person/s, Financial Institutions / licenced money landers, Bank, Corporations, Suppliers, Creditors, any suits, any stake holders, etc having any interest, objections, claims, rights or interest of whatsoever manner in the above said property. The same may be lodged / appear before me with the undersigned with in 15 days along with supporting document/s as evidence. If no objections or claims are lodged with the undersigned within the said period, my client will proceed the purchase of the above property neither treating that there is/ are no claims & no claims shall be entertained later nor such claims will be binding on the property of my client.

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ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಾಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ವಾಸ: ನಂ.397/6, ಹಳೆ ಮೀನಿದಸ್ಕೆ, ಎರಡನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಜಿಪ್ಸಿಪ್ಲ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ಟಿ. ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-57, ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಪಟ್ಟ ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ. 22, ಗ್ರಾಮಠಾಣ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 520, ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 62/5ರ ನಿವೇಶನ ಮೂರ್ವ-ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ 20-00 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ-ದಕ್ಷಿಣ 30-00 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 600 ಚದರ ಅಡಿಗಳುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶದ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಡಿ. ವಿದ್ಯಾವತಿಯವರು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರತ್ನಮ್ಮರವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.04.1993 ರಂದು ನೋಟರಿಯವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗದ ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಎ ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2021 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಟಿ. ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ 2ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜೆರಾಕ್ಸ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವಾಗ ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇ-ಕಂಪ್ಲೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದು, ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0043650/2021 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2021 ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಸಿಕ್ಕವರು ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಹತ್ತಿರದ ಬಾಗಲಗುಂಟೆ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಂರ್ಪಕಿಸಿ.
ವಿ.ಜಿ. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ.17/3, ವಿದ್ಯಾನಗರ, ಟಿ. ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560057. ಮೊಬೈಲ್ : 9620399285/9513826154
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.09.2021

IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH -8)
P & SC No. 456/2021
BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Jayashree D Rao, W/o Late B.R. Dwarkanath Rao, aged about 63 Years, R/at Concorde Nappa Vally, Villa No. 249, Road No.58, Taralu Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 082. **2. Sanjeev D Rao** S/o Late B.R. Dwarkanath Rao, aged about 35 Years, R/at Concorde Nappa Vally, Villa No. 249, Road No.58, Taralu Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 082. **3. Nanditha D Rao,** D/o Late B.R. Dwarkanath Rao, aged about 30 years, R/at, Concorde Nappa Vally, Villa No. 249, Road No.58, Taralu Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 082. ... **Petitioners**
AND: -Nil- ... Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above named has made petition to this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in favor of the petitioners, in respect of schedule mentioned below, the below mentioned schedule has held by B.R. Dwarkanath Rao husband of petitioner No. 1 and father of petitioner no.2 and 3 herein who expired on 01/05/2021.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **28-09-2021** at 11a.m. inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the application will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
51% Share belonging to Sri B.R. Dwarkanath Rao, in the partnership firm M/s Raghavendra Enterprises.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 03-09-2021.
By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner:
B.V. GANESH NAG
No.1, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, (Opp. Hotel Kanishka) Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **Mr.B.C.BALACHANDRA** S/o Mr.Chinnaswamappa is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs.K.RAJESWARI** W/o Mr.Sri.K.Kesava Reddy. Any Person/s, Company, Bank, Housing Finance Ltd. objecting for proposed sale or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the above-mentioned advocates failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.40,** House List Katha No.193/1/11, formed out of Sy No.106/1, Situated at **Byrathi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** coming under the limits of BBMP, Measuring East to West 90 feet and North to South 80 feet in all 7200 sq.ft, and bounded on the:
East by : Site No.41, West by : Road, North by : Site No.39, South by : Road
C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., LL.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 05-09-2021

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION BOARD
6TH Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03 Ph:23349434 Fax: 23347670
No: B6/DPSLC/01/Ka.Se.Aa/21-22 Date: 30.08.2021
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Director(Exams), Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, hereby invites e-tenders from eligible tenderers for "**The Annual Maintenance of Desktop Computers, Laptop, Servers, Printers, Risographs, MFD, Projector, Networking, Cabling and their Peripherals**" as per KTPP Act-1999, through e-procurement portal only. Tender documents may be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **www.sslc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender commencement date is **06.09.2021.** Pre-bid meeting is on **13.09.2021 at. 11.00 AM.** The last date for submission of tender is **21.09.2021 at 4.00. PM.** Date of opening Technical bid is on **23.09.2021 at 11.00. AM.** Date of opening Commercial bid is on **27.09.2021 at 11.00. AM.** The approximate value of tender is **Rs.9,00,000/- (Rs. Nine Lakhs Only).** The earnest money deposit is **Rs. 18,000/-** Other details may be obtained from the KSEEB during office hours.
Sd/- Director(Exams)

National Health Mission
Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society
Arogya Soudha, 1st Floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023
Ph: 080-23295634, email: pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in
No.: LWSTC/NTEP/ACC/11/2020-21 Date : 24.08.2021
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)
Disposal of Bio-Medical Waste from STDC / IRL under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme.
KSHFWS invites bids from reputed firms with necessary documents who are authorised for disposal of Bio Medical Waste from STDC / IRL under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme.
The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The tender document can be downloaded through **"e-procurement portal"** from **06.09.2021 at 11:30 AM.** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is **15.09.2021 on or before 5:30 PM.**
Further details can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours from **10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.** **Sd/-**
DIPR/DDU/YC/1413/2021-22 **Project Director (RCH)**
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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
BWSSB invites TENDERS from the registered eligible tenderers for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (Design), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (in.Rs)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
1.	Quality Assurance	BWSSB/EQA/JE/445/ 2021-22 Date: 30.08.2021	Rs. 71,47,628/- / Rs. 1,43,000/-	15.09.2021 upto 5:00 p.m.	17.09.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
2.		BWSSB/EQATE/JE/49-2020/447/ 2021-22 Date: 30.08.2021	Rs. 55,07,000/- / Rs. 1,10,150/-	15.09.2021 upto 4:00 p.m.	17.09.2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(Quality Assurance).

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

3.	Central	BWSSB/EEC/PB/1244/2021-22 Date: 02.09.2021	Rs. 9,76,616/- / Rs. 24,450/-	20.09.2021 upto 5:00 p.m.	22.09.2021 after 5:01p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(Central).

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

4.	East -1	BWSSB/EE(E)-1/PB/831/2021-22 Date: 30.08.2021	Rs. 19,74,898.45 / Rs. 49,400/-	20.09.2021 upto 4:00 p.m.	22.09.2021 after 5:00p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(East-1).

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer-cum-Secretary, 1st Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

5.	CAO-S	BWSSB/CH/CAO-S/STR/F-74A/1667/2021-22 (2018-19 &19-20) Date: 04-09-2021	---- / ----	21.09.2021 upto 4:00 p.m.	23.09.2021 at 3:30p.m.
6.		BWSSB/CH/CAO-S/STR/F-74A/1668/2021-22 (2018-19 &19-20) Date: 04-09-2021	---- / ----	21.09.2021 upto 4:00 p.m.	23.09.2021 at 4:00p.m.

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer-cum-Secretary.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
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Maha Rashtra Apex Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: 3rd Floor, Front Wing North Block, Manipal Centre 47, Dickenson Road, Bengaluru – 560 042
CIN-L85110KA1943PLC001177, Website: www.maharashtrapex.com, Email-mracl.ho@manipal.com, Tel: 080-40313131
Notice of the 77th Annual General Meeting, Remote Evoting and Book Closure date.
NOTICE is hereby given that the 77th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of the Company is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 at 11.00 a m through Video Conference ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM') without physical presence of the members at a common venue, In compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, MCA circular Nos 14/2020, 17/2020,20/2020 and 02/2021 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, May 5, 2020 and January 13, 2021 respectively (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and SEBI circular dated 12 May 2020, and 15 January, 2021 to transact the business as set out in the Notice convening the 77th AGM.
Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Wednesday, 22nd September, 2021 to Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 77th AGM.
In compliance with the above circulars, copies of the Notice of 77th AGM and Annual Report for FY 2020-21 will be sent electronically to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participants. The Notice of 77th AGM and Annual Report for FY 2020-21 will also be made available on the Company's website at https://www.maharashtraapex.com and website of the stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com
Members who have not registered their email addresses and mobile numbers, arerequested to furnish the same to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer AgentM/s PurvaSharegistry (India) Pvt Ltd email http://www.purvashare.com/email-and-phone-updation/ to get theiremail addresses and mobile numbers registered temporarily.
Company is providing remote e-voting facility ('remote e-voting') to all its members to cast their vote on all resolutions set out in the Notice of the 77th AGM. Additionally, the Company is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM ('e-voting'). Detailed procedure for joining the AGM and remote e-voting/e-voting is provided in the Notice of 77th AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
For **MAHA RASHTRA APEX CORPORATIONLIMITED**
Sd/-
Place: Mumbai **(J M PANDAY)**
Date: 11th August 2021 Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GGUHAN BASKKAR (New Name) S/o. Late. Baskar E.B,** previously called Guhan Bhaskara B.B. alias Guhan Bhaskar (old Names) residing at Flat No. 4-B, Apurva Sapphire Apartment, 3rd Cross, Jyothi Nagar (Bohra Colony), Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 83, I have changed my name from **Guhan Bhaskara B.B. alias Guhan Bhaskar to GGUHAN BHASKKAR** vide affidavit dated 04.09.2021 before Notary **Aravind Patil G.G.** Advocate & Notary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GODWIN ROSMAN VARGHESE CORRAY VINCENT** Residing at No. White Meadows, No. 303, 3rd Floor, Singasandra, A Block, Bangalore - 560 068, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GODWIN ROSMAN VARGHESE CORRAY VINCENT** to **(NEW NAME) GODWIN ROSHAN CORRAY** vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before Notary Harisha. G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
No. 2795185N Rank Naik name **Ravi Kumar M N,** S/o Nanjunde Gowda M.K, aged about 43 years, R/a No. 149, 7th Main, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **HAMSINI .M.R** to **HANSHIKA .R,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **HANSHIKA .R** only, vide affidavit dated 31-08-2021, sworn before II Addl. Chief Metropolitan, Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
No. 2795185N Rank Naik name **Ravi Kumar M N,** S/o Nanjunde Gowda M.K, aged about 43 years, R/a No. 149, 7th Main, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **HASINI .M.R** to **HARSHINI .R,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **HARSHINI .R** only, vide affidavit dated 31-08-2021, sworn before II Addl. Chief Metropolitan, Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAKTHIVEL M,** S/o Muniswamy M. and Vanaja, W/o Sakthivel M, both are R/a No. 7/8, Patti Garden, S.M. Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore-560075, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **MONISHWAR .S** to **MONISH S,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **MONISH .S** only, vide affidavit dated 04-09-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH .A.K,** R/a #011, Aster, Keerthi Flora, ITPL Main Road, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAIRAKSHITHA RAJESH** to **RAKSHITHA RAJESH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAKSHITHA RAJESH** only, vide affidavit dated 04-09-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINCENT JOSHUA D,** S/o Mr. Doreswamy S, aged about 26 years, R/o #227, 3rd Cross, Weavers Colony, Gottigere Post, Bannerughatta Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560083, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VISHWANATHA D** to **VINCENT JOSHUA D,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VINCENT JOSHUA D** only, vide affidavit dated 03-09-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **21.09.2021**, from 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M, for recovery of US Dollar **4,227,390.20** (US Dollar Four Million Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and Twenty Cent Only) equivalent to **Rs.31,96,75,247.00** (Rupees Thirty One Cores Ninety Six Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Seven Only @ exchange rate 1USD = INR 75.62) and further interest & other charges from 27.06.2020 onwards, due to Canara Bank from **M/S Amalor International Limited (Borrower), M/s GSR Exim HK Ltd (Guarantor), Mr Muniswamy Suresh Kumar (Alias Mr Suresh Kumar M) (Guarantor & Mortgagor), Ms Maderamelta Rekha (Guarantor) and M/s MSK Shelters (Guarantor & Mortgagor)**
Details and full description of the immovable property, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit amount with known encumbrances, if any. **(Amount in Rs)**

Sl No	Description of Immovable Property	Reserve Price	EMD
1	All the piece and parcel of residentially converted land at survey no139 measuring 4 Acre 30 Guntas out of which 82 Villa Plots are formed covering a total extent of 9874.02 sq mtr, situated at Kuduvathi Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura district in the name of Mr Muniswamy Suresh Kumar (Alias Mr Suresh Kumar M) Bounded : On the East by: Land in survey no 138, On the West by: Road, On the North by: Lands in survey no 170, On the South by: Lands in survey no 140.	9,67,00,000	96,70,000

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 18.09.2021 at 05.00 pm.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Devanahalli Branch, Bangaluru. Phone: 080-27683949 080-27682252 Mobile:9304785306, Email: cb0474@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day **OR** the service provider **M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd Contact Person : Mr. Hareesh Gowda**, Email : **support@bankeauctions.com**. Contact No. **+91 124 4302020 / 21 / 22 /23/24**. Website: ***https://www.bankeauctions.com***.
Place: Devanahalli
Date: 03.09.2021
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA
DODDABALLAPURA ADB BRANCH
D. Cross, 4th Ward, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural Dist., 561203
Email Id: sbi.05313@sbi.co.in PH: 8027622178

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **State Bank of India, Doddaballapura ADB Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice against their names, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice,

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India, Doddaballapura ADB Branch** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

A/c No. 36594872387 /DRS
Sl No.1) Borrower : Smt. Deepa Madaswamy Moopanar W/o Sri Madaswamy Moopanar & **Madaswamy Moopanar** S/o Annamalai Flat no. 807, 8th floor Montana block "HERITAGE APARTMENT" Doddaballapura Road Yalahanka Singanayakanahalli Bangalore, **ALSO @** No. C5-202, PWC Marasandra Doddaballapura Main Road. 561203,
Possession Notice Dated: 03/09/2021, **Demand Notice Dated:** 25/06/2021,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 18,53,138 /- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Eight only) as on 31.08.2021 and interest from **01.09.2021** .
Description of the Immovable Property : **SCHEDULE-A PROPERTY**
All that piece and parcel of the converted land measuring 17 Acres 36 Guntas comprised in sy Nos. 45/2, 435/3, 45/4, 46, 45/5, 45/7, 47,72, 73, of Siddenayakanahalli village an extent of 14 Acers 15 Guntas comprised in Sy Nos. 69/1,69/2,75,76,77,78, of Muthur Village and An Extent of 12 Acres 11 Guntas comprised in Sy Nos. 126, 137,138/1, 138/2, of Raghunathappa Village Kasaba hobli Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural Dist., Totally measuring 47 Acres and Approved by BIAAPA vide vide No. BIAAPA/TP1/LAO/12/2014-15, Dated 27.04.2015 and Named as "GOLDEN IRA" and Bounded on the
East by: Neighbors' Land, **West by:** State Highway (SH-9), **North by:** Neighbors' Land, **South by:** Neighbors' Land
SCHEDULE-B PROPERTY : Residential plot described beloew in the lay out known as "GOLDEN IRA" having common area common facility common open space common water and Sanitation Separate electricity easement rights and appurtenances. Plot No. 270, Sy No. 75 & 76, katha No 1864VS270/75 & 76/VS270, Muthur village, Dimensions 9.14 mtrs x 15.24 mtrs (30 x 50) total area 1500sqft Bounded on. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Plot bearing No. 233, **North by :** Plot bearing No. 269, **South by:** Plot bearing No. 271

TL: 37466598245 & MC-OD. 37759505063 /DRS
Sl No.2) Borrower : Smt. Umadevi w/o K Munnegowda, Bhadrapura village, Sakkare gollahalli panchayath Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural dist., 561203, **Guarantor / Mortgager: Sri. KM Sudhakar s/o KM Munnegowda** #52, Mathru Bhavan, Nagshetty hally, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore
Possession Notice Dated: 03/09/2021, **Demand Notice Dated:** 25/06/2021,
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 29,45,831 /- (Rupees Twenty Nine Fifty Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One only) as on 31.08.2021 and interest from **01.09.2021** .
Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property BBMP No. 7 in Sy No. 23/6, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No. 100, PID No. 100-358-7, & New BBMP Ward No.18, New PID No. 018-W 252-58, Measuring East to West 30 feet & North to South 30 feet Totally 900 sqft Situated at Nagashetty halli Ward No 18, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore standing in the name of Sri. Sudhakar KM and Bounded on **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Mahimapatil's House, **North by:** Chikkananjamma's House, **South by:** Road.

Place : Doddaballapura
Date : 03.09.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
Doddaballapura ADB Branch, Bangalore Rural Dist

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.6,37,00,835/-(Rupees Six Crore Thirty Seven Lakh Eight Hundred and Thirty Five Only)** as on **30-08-2021** together with further interest to be charged from **31-08-2021** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the Bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Seven Hills Enterprises, No,257, K.R. Puram, Doddanekundi Village, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560037. No.2) Mr. K. Mohan, S/o. Karuppana Goundar, No.14, 2nd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, Sivan Chetty Gardens, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560042. No.3) Mrs. Tamilarasi, W/o. K. Mohan, No.14, 2nd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, Sivan Chetty Gardens, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560042. No.4) Mr. Kaveen Kumar, S/o. K. Mohan, No.14, 2nd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, Sivan Chetty Gardens, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560042. No.5) Mr. Surya, S/o. K. Mohan, No.14, 2nd Cross, Chowdaiah Block, Sivan Chetty Gardens, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560042. No.6) Mr. S.J. Doraiswamy Reddy, S/o. G. Subramanyam Reddy, No.25, Behind Devegowda Petrol Bunk, Chinnapa Naidu Layout, Banasankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085. No.7) Mrs. Vijayakumari, W/o. S.J. Doraiswamy Reddy, No.25, Behind Devegowda Petrol Bunk, Chinnapa Naidu Layout, Banasankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085. No.8) M/s. Jalsa, No.25/7, Doddanekundi, K.R. Puruam, Bangalore - 560037. No.9) Mrs. Jyothi, W/o. Gangadhara Reddy, No.6, Gangajothi Nilayam, Mallige Thotta, Cholur Palya, Bangalore - 26. No.10) Mr. Lokeshwara Reddy, S/o. Gangadhara Reddy, No.6, Gangajothi Nilayam, Mallige Thotta, Cholur Palya, Bangalore - 26. No.11) Ms. Rupa, D/o. Gangadhara Reddy, No.6, Gangajothi Nilayam, Mallige Thotta, Cholur Palya, Bangalore -26. No.12) Ms. Kavitha, D/o. Gangadhara Reddy, No.6, Gangajothi Nilayam, Mallige Thotta, Cholur Palya, Bangalore - 26. No.13) Mr. Dilip Reddy, S/o. Gangadhara Reddy, No.6, Gangajothi Nilayam, Mallige Thotta, Cholur Palya, Bangalore - 26.**

Note : 1) That our **109 - Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch** has also extended financial assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090015078) dated **01-09-2020** requested by No 8. of you represented by No. 6 of you as Proprietor for which No.7 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.1,43,000/-** at a ROI of **14%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **24-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **30-08-2021** is **Rs.1,56,427/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **31-08-2021** till the date of realization.

2) That our **148 - Bengaluru - Jaya Nagar Branch** has also extended financial assistance (FITL - ADHOC:501912090016738) dated **01-09-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.6 of you as Partner for which No.6 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.7 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,90,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%**. The same has been also classified as NPA on **30-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **30-08-2021** is **Rs.2,63,112/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twelve Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **31-08-2021** till the date of realization.

3) That our **109 - Bengaluru - Koramangala Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080060778) dated **01-02-2020** requested by No.8 of you represented by No. 6 of you as Proprietor for which No.7 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.5,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.25%**. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **24-01-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **30-08-2021** is **Rs.2,88,258/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **31-08-2021** till the date of realization.

4) That our **148 - Bengaluru - Jaya Nagar Branch** has also extended financial assistance (SWAYAM GRIHA - BUS BR: 501312030017739) dated **10-07-2019** requested by No.2 of you for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 2 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.38,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11.25%** and the outstanding balance as on **30-08-2021** is **Rs.32,19,195/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Five Only)**.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Vijayakumari, W/o. S.J. Doraiswamy Reddy)
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.647 formed by the BDA in Sy.No 3 & 69, BBMP PID No 49-7-152 situated at Gavipuram.Sunkenahalli layout, Bangalore measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 50 feet and bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property and South by : Site No.648.

Reserve Price: Rs.2,50,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakh Only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Jyothi, W/o. Gangadhara Reddy, Mr. Lokeshwara Reddy, S/o. Gangadhara Reddy, Mr. Dilip Reddy, S/o. Gangadhara Reddy, Ms. Kavitha, D/o. Gangadhara Reddy, Ms. Rupa, D/o. Gangadhara Reddy)
All that piece and parcel of Land and building Site bearing No. 1176/A, Block No. Nil in Rajaji Nagar, Third Stage Extension, Bangalore measuring East to West 32 feet and North to South 36 feet and bounded on East by : Site No. 1176, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 1175.

Reserve Price: Rs.2,00,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. K. Mohan, S/o. Karuppana Goundar)
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Gramathana House bearing Site No.6, V.P. Khatha No.78, BBMP Municipal No.14, PID No.96-19-14 situated at Cholanayakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently coming under the BBMP limits measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1,650 square feet and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property of Ramakrishna Reddy, North by : Property No.5, South by : Property of Kotaiah.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,70,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakh Only)

Schedule - D : (Property Owned by Mr. K. Mohan, S/o. Karuppana Goundar)
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.6, Junjar No.473, Property No.374, formed in Sy. Nos. 40/1, 40/2 and 40/3 situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, presently coming under the Chandapura Gram panchayat limits, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and Totally measuring 1,200 Square feet and bounded on: East by : Site No. 5, West by : Site No. 7, North by : 25 feet Road, South by : Site No.11.

Reserve Price: Rs.25,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
21-10-2021	**City Union Bank Limited** **Bengaluru - Jaya Nagar Branch,** No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011 Telephone No: 080-26639771, 080-26639772 Cell No. 9343130500, 9341010605

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he /she is bidding for himself /herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., Bengaluru - Jaya Nagar Branch, No.126, 33rd Cross, 11th Main, 4th Block, Near A.V.R. Swarna Mahal Signal, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd."**, on or before **12.00 Noon.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No: 080-26639771, 080-26639772 Cell No. 9343130500, 9341010605. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As- is- where- is" , "As-is-what-is" and "whatever there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15** days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues) TDS,GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 04-09-2021 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Regd. Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013.
CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552.

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.
The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited,** for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties
9333791	**Ms. Bhuveneshwari C V** (Borrower) **Mrs.Dhanalakshmi V** (Co-borrower)	**As on 31.05.2021 Rs.8,75,991/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Only) Demand Dated **02/06/2021**	03.09.2021	**Schedule – A Property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant residential site bearing No.12, old Katha No.521, New Katha No.349, formed in converted Sy.No.100, vide conversion order No.BDA.ALN(EB) SR 154/2007-08, dated 30/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Situated at Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and measuring East to West (22.6+24)/2 feet and North to South (36+38)/2 Feet, in totally measuring 869.09 Sq ft together with all rights, appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East By : Site No.11; West By : Private Property; North By: Private Property; South By: Road,
9939155	**Mr. SHIVKUMAR PATIL** (Borrower) **Mrs. Archana Shivkumar Patil** (Co-borrower)	**As on 30.04.2021 Rs.25,81,784/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four Only)	03.09.2021	**Schedule 'A' Property :** All the piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy. Nos.38/2, 38/3, and 38/4 (Old Sy No.38) totally measuring to an extent of 3 Acres (Converted from Agriculture to Non Agriculture Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (NAY)SR/53/16/-17, dated 05/12/2016, issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District) Katha No.1705/38/2 38/3 38/4, situated at Vaderahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. **Schedule – B Property :** All the piece and parcel of residential converted Site No.41, carved out of converted Nos.38/2, 38/3, and 38/4 (Converted from Agriculture to Non Agriculture Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (NAY)SR/53/16/-17, dated 05/12/2016, issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District) Katha No.1705/38/2 38/3 38/4, situated at Vaderahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1230 Sq Ft in Residential Layout Known as "SEVENHILLS COUNTRY" and bounded on as follows: East by : Road, West by : Site bearing No.52, North by : Site bearing No.42, South by : Site bearing No.40,
10226222	**Mr. Bherulal Jain** (Borrower) **Mr. Dak Sureshchandra** (Co-borrower)	**As on 12.04.2021 Rs.50,93,246/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Rupees Only)	03.09.2021	**Schedule 'A' Property :** All that piece and parcel of the residential Western Side Portion of House Property bearing No.4 and 5, situated at Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike, in BBMP Khatha No.363/513/445 (Old Khatha No.513) and bounded on : East by : Remaining portion of same site bearing No's. 4 and 5 measuring East to West 20 Ft and North to South 40 Ft, belong to Sri.Lekhuram R Jahgid. West by : Ramaiah's Land, North by: Site No.2 and South by: 20 Feet Road. Measuring East West 20 Feet and North to South 40 Feet totally measuring 800 Sq., Ft.

Date : 3rd, September, 2021
Place : Bangalore
For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients, **Mr.SATISH KUMAR THOTA** S/o T. Francis and **MR. NITISH RAJESH DAVEY** S/o.Rajesh R Davey, have purchased the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Mr.PRAKASH PALANI** S/o. Mr.S.Palani for valuable sale consideration amount. The predecessor in title, had handed over possession of the Schedule Property along with all the relevant documents to our clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a residential vacant **Site bearing No. 32,** katha No.1249/1209/32, (in all Measuring 1380 Square Feet), Site bearing No. 33, katha No.1249/1209/33 (in all Measuring 1395 Square Feet) Assessment No.290, Situated at **Marenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** in a layout named as SRI SAI ENCLAVE and bounded on the :
East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 05-09-2021

STATE BANK OF INDIA
PARAMANNA LAYOUT BRANCH, BH ROAD
NELAMANGALA BANGALORE RURAL DIST., 562123
E-MAIL: sbi.40331@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]
A/C No: 64012163466
Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the State Bank of India, Paramanna Layout Branch, Nelamangala under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 01.07.2021,** calling upon the borrowers **Sri. Aslam Pasha No.92, KSH No.268/92,** 7th cross 10th main Vishveshwarapura Grampanchayath Islampura Basavanahalli post Nelmangala Bangalore Rural dist., 562123, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rupees 2,96,684 /- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety six Thousand six Hundred Eighty four Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **03.09.2021**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs. 2,92,517/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Only)** as on 01.09.2021 and interest from 02.09.2021 & charges thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential property No 92, Kaneshumari No 268/92, situated at 7th cross 10th main Coming under Vishveshwarapura Grampanchayath, Islampura, khasaba hobli Basavanahalli post Nelamangala Taluk standing in the name of Sri. Aslam pasha measuring E-W: 40feet & N-S: 30feet and bounded on:
East by: Siraj Ahamed House, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Yusuf House, **South by:** Akbar House

Date: 03.09.2021
Place: Nelamangala
Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
Parmana Layout Branch, Nelamangala

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road,Bengaluru- 560025.

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
RC No: 172/2021 dt:19.04.2021
Canara Bank, Indiranagar Branch , No.628/4, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengluru - 560 038. **... Certificate Holder**
Versus
M/s. Krishna Cement Blocks & Cement
To
1. M/s. Krishna Cement Blocks & Cement, represented by its Proprietor Sri K. Ramadas, S/o. Sri. K. Minirathna Chetty, Residing at : No. 770/2, Garehally, Hosakerehalli Main Road, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.
Also at : G Errepalli, Namapally Post, Eralamandi Chittor, Andhra Pradesh - 517 130.
2. Sri Vijay Sekhar, S/o. Sri Govinda Chetty, Residing at : No. 800, 14th Cross, J. P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078. **Also at :** A. Venkatapuram, Vepanjeri, Chittor, Andhra Pradesh - 517 125. **... Certificate Debtor**
This is notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT 1) in **OA /414/2020** an amount of **Rs.1,83,47,700.00** (Rupees One Crore Eighty Three Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only) along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 30 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **19.05.2021** at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay.
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **19.04.2021**
Sd/- (Deepa Induvani S), Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:"**Rule 16** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

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No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road,Bengaluru- 560025.

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
RC No: 56/2021 dt:24.02.2021
Canara Bank, Indiranagar Branch , No.628/4, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengluru - 560 038. **... Certificate Holder**
Versus
M/s. Kartar Corporation and Another
To
1. M/s. Kartar Corporation, represented by its Proprietor Sri Doraswamy Reddy, S/o. SriPeddaswamy Reddy, Residing at : No. 279, Sy. No. 564, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 078.
Alsoat : No. 8-51, Maredu Palli, Nandanoor Post, G. P. Nellor, Andhra Pradesh - 517 125.
2. Sri Vijay Sekhar, S/o. Sri Govinda Chetty, Residing at : No. 800, 14th Cross, J. P. Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078. **Also at :** A. Venkatapuram, Vepanjeri, Chittor, Andhra Pradesh - 517 125. **... Certificate Debtor**
This is notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT 1) in **OA /410/2020** an amount of **Rs.2,16,71,000.00** (Rupees Two Crore Sixteen Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Only) along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 30 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **30.06.2021** at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay.
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **24.02.2021.**
Sd/- (Deepa Induvani S), Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:"**Rule 16** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

AXIS BANK LIMITED
(CIN: L65110GJ1993PLC020769)
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE/E-AUCTION
{As per Appendix IV-A read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002}
Whereas the Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as '**the Bank**'), under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("**Securitisation Act, 2002**") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("**SARFAESI Rules**") issued demand notice dated 11.06.2019 calling upon the Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice along with interest at contractual rate and incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred/ to be incurred till the date of payment of entire amount, within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
However, as the Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, the Bank has taken physical possession of the secured property/ asset mentioned herein below under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation Act, 2002 r/w SARFAESI Rules, which are proposed to be sold by way of E-Auction on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is" basis.**
Pursuant to the physical possession taken by the Authorised Officer, bids are hereby invited by the undersigned for purchase of the below mentioned property/ asset, secured for the Term Loan Facility of ₹150 Crore granted to:
1. Name of Borrower: Lotus Shopping Centres Private Limited
2. Guarantors: Lotus Three Development Ltd., Mauritius and G-Corp Lotus Mall Private Limited
3. Mortgagor: G-Corp Lotus Mall Private Limited
Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.190,30,58,067.00/- (Rupees One Hundred Ninety Crore Thirty Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Seven) as on May 31, 2019 together with further interest thereon and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Reserve Price: ₹101.25 Crore **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- 10% of Reserve Price:** ₹10,12,50,000/- **Bid Increment Amount:** ₹10,00,000/-
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY/ ASSET :
1. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of undeveloped Industrial Converted Survey No. 15/2 of Kenchanahalli Village, MO No. BDS in ALN SR 3675, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, thereof an extent of 2 Acres, together consisting of Farm House of 23 square RCC Redoxide flooring, Poultry Farm of 38 Square AC sheet, Cattle Shed of 3 Square AC Sheet, Shops of 7 Square RCC roof Redoxide flooring, worker shed of 4 Square AC Sheet and Pump House of 1 ½ Square AC Sheet and having electric installation and bounded on the: **East by:** Sy. No. 15/1, **West by:** Sy. No. 17, **North by:** Bangalore Mysore Road, **South by:** Sy. No. 16 and part of Sy. No. 15/2
2. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of undeveloped Commercially Converted Survey No. 15/2 of Kenchanahalli Village, vide order no. ALN SR (S) 27/2001-02, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, thereof an extent of 3 Acres 18 Guntas, together with two wells, pumpset and 2 Square RCC pump house and 15 squares AC sheet cow shed and having electric installation and bounded on the: **East by:** Sy. No. 15/1, **West by:** Sy. No. 16, **North by:** Property belonging to Vendor, **South by:** Vrushabhavathi Valley
3. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of Survey No. 16 of Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, of extent of 6.6 Guntas (1/8th share in the extent of 1 Acre 13 Guntas) converted for Industrial use vide order No. ALN (S) SR (K): 125/07-08, dated 06.01.2009 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Property of Thimmegowda, **West by:** Property of G-Corp Lotus Mall Pvt Ltd, **North by:** Property of G-Corp Lotus Mall Pvt Ltd, **South by:** Remaining portion Sy. No. 16 belonging to Vendors
4. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of Survey No. 16 of Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, of extent of 1 Acre 6.4 Guntas converted for Industrial use vide order No. ALN (S) SR (K): 125/07-08 dated 06.01.2009 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Property of Thimmegowda, **West by:** Property of Chikkanna, **North by:** Property of Thimmegowda, **South by:** Remaining portion Sy. No. 16 belonging to Sri Hanumanth and Smt. Narasamma

The bids shall be submitted online through website https://axisbank.auctiontiger.net as per schedule given below.

Last date for submission of bids	**27th September, 2021 by 6:00 p.m.**
Payment of EMD	By way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order in favour of '**Axis Bank Limited**' payable at Mumbai/ Bangalore, to be submitted **on or before 27th September, 2021 by 6:00 p.m.** at either of the following address: **Mumbai** – Mr. Sandeep Agrawal, Authorised Officer(s) at Axis Bank Limited, Structured Assets Group, "Axis House", 7th Floor, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025, Maharashtra, Tel: 98207 30811 / 97697 98789 **Bangalore** - Mr. M S Ramesh Subramaniam, Axis Bank Limited, Corporate Banking Branch, Level 3, Nitesh Timesquare, No. 8, M. G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001, Tel: 99723 56716 **OR** Through RTGS/ NEFT to **Account No. 1541010633007**, Axis Bank Limited, Corporate Banking Branch, Bangalore (**IFSC Code: UTIB0001541**).
Date and time of e-auction	**28th September, 2021 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** subject to the auto-extension of five minutes each in the event of bids placed in the last five minutes.

Terms & Conditions
1. The secured property/ asset will be sold by E-Auction through Bank's approved service provider i.e. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger) who is assisting the Authorised Officer in conducting the online auction.
2. Sale is strictly subject to the terms & conditions incorporated in this notice, and the terms & conditions stated in the prescribed Tender Document. Interested Parties/ Bidders may go to the website of service provider https://axisbank.auctiontiger.net to obtain the said Tender Document/ Bid Form and the details of the secured property/ asset put up for e-auction.
3. Inspection of the property can be undertaken on 17th September, 2021 between 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with prior appointment.
4. The interested parties shall be permitted to participate and bid in the e-auction only if EMD amount has been received by the Bank along with the documents as prescribed in the Tender Document/ Bid Form.
5. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn, postpone or cancel the e-auction without any prior notice.
6. The Successful Bidder shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale consideration, after adjusting the EMD already paid, immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited without any prior notice. The balance 75% of the sale consideration is payable within fifteen days or such extended period (as may be agreed upon in writing between the Successful Bidder(s) and the Bank, in any case not exceeding three months) from the date of confirmation of sale by the Authorised Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period mentioned above, same shall be dealt in accordance with the terms of the tender document.
7. To the best knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the above secured property/ asset put for sale. However, any Statutory and other dues payable and due on the property shall have to be borne by the Purchaser. The person(s) interested shall make his/their own independent enquiries as to the title of the property and all dues/claims/ encumbrance against the property.
8. The successful bidder should deduct TDS @1% on the total sale consideration and deposit the same with the Income Tax authority in the name of the Property owner and submit the details thereof to the bank.
9. The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp Duty, Registration Fees, incidental expenses etc. as applicable under law.
10. Sale Certificate under SARFAESI Act shall be executed in favour of the successful purchaser only after the payment of the entire bid amount and other charges, if any.

For any further clarification/ information, interested parties may contact the Authorised Officer(s), **Mr. Sandeep Agrawal on +91 97697 98789.**

Date : 6th September, 2021
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Limited

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THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy participated in the five-day ritual of Chaturveda Havanam that concluded in Datta Peetham at Mysuru on Sunday

3 FACTORS LED DOCS TO SUSPECT NIPAH

Patient admitted with special kind of encephalitis, fits, doctors detect myocarditis later

AMIYA MEETHAL @Kozhikode

THE three crucial medical findings had driven the doctors at the Aster MIMS Hospital to suspect Nipah in the 12-year-old boy who succumbed to the infection on Sunday.

The boy who was shifted from the Medical College Hospital on September 1 to Aster MIMS with encephalitis and fits. Besides, myocarditis in the boy was also detected at Aster MIMS.

According to Dr Sathish Kumar K, senior consultant at the paediatric intensive care, Aster MIMS, said "The patient had contracted a special kind of encephalitis with very high fever. His temperature was recorded between 104 and 105 degrees. The heart rate was high. We found myocarditis in blood test as well. Also, he developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in lungs. His oxygen level in lungs was too low. The three – encephalitis, myocarditis and ARDS – lead us to suspect Nipah."

Soon, a multi-disciplinary meeting was called on September 2 which decided to send samples for a Nipah test. According to Dr Sathish Kumar, it was Dr Suresh Kumar E K, HOD, paediatrics, who suggested to send samples for a Nipah test.

The permission of the district medical officer was obtained before sending the samples to the National Institute of Virology in Pune on the very next day. The sample was sent in a vehicle. "We received the confirmation report by phone at 9.30pm on Saturday. Following which, the boy was shifted to a ventilator. He never regained conscious. He was not at all responding to medicines as well," said Dr Suresh Kumar E K. After confirming the disease, the parents had a last look at their single child through a closed glass hole on Saturday night.

> **We found myocarditis in blood test as well. Also, he developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in lungs. His oxygen level in lungs was too low**
> — Dr Sathish Kumar K, senior consultant at paediatric intensive care, Aster MIMS

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Ex-Union health secretary Keshav Desiraju passes away

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

FORMER Union Health Secretary **Keshav Desiraju** passed away in Chennai at the age of 66 on Sunday. He was a retired IAS officer and grandson of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birth anniversary is celebrated as Teachers Day.

Desiraju was an IAS officer from the 1978 batch of Uttarakhand cadre. He had a Masters degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He has held many positions with the governments of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh and the Government of India and retired as the Union Secretary in the Department of Consumer Affairs. After he retired, he was appointed as the chairperson of the governing board of the Population Foundation of India.

Condoling his death, Chief Minister MK Stalin in a message said, "I am deeply saddened to hear that Keshav Desiraju passed away due to a heart attack. He was also a humanitarian educator with personal interest in the well-being of those with mental health issues."

Desiraju's friends and colleagues remember him as a valued leader and one who always strived for rights of people with mental health conditions. Mrinalini Ravi, deputy director-partnerships at The Banyan (where Desiraju was a trustee) said, "He was the architect of India's first national Mental Health Policy. He was also instrumental in putting together India's Mental Healthcare Act of 2017."

LONG BATTLE

Former soldier fights for site, wins after HC intervention

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THIS former Army soldier, who has fought in some of the toughest terrains in the country, struggled and won a different battle after his retirement recently.

K A Subramani, being an ex-soldier, was allotted a site by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA). But he did not have Rs 3 lakh that he needed to pay MUDA to receive the site.

He sought time and eventually collected the money with great difficulty.

By the time he approached the authority again, the time window had lapsed and his site had been allotted to someone else.

Not willing to give up, this relentless fighter visited MUDA offices regularly and when that did not yield any result, he approached the Karnataka High Court, seeking succour. After seven years, the court recently ruled in his favour and ordered the government to allott him a site.

K A Subramani

Armed with the High Court order, Subramani met Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaj and Additional Chief Secretary, Urban, Ajai Nagabhushan. Basavraj passed on the letter to MUDA Commissioner DB Natesh.

Talking to *The New Indian Express*, the minister said that soldiers who fight for our country should not face such disappointment at the hands of the government. "I have asked the MUDA commissioner to do the needful," he said.

Coming out of the meeting with Basavaraj, Subramani explained that this has been a tougher battle than the ones he fought while in service.

Natesh told *The New Indian Express*, "I have received the petition and we are processing it. We will obey the High Court order and justice will be done to the soldier."

More students, teachers test +ve in Tamil Nadu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Thanjavur/Virudhunagar /Tiruvannamalai/Tiruchy

WITH new Covid-19 cases being reported among students and teachers for the third consecutive day, School education minister Anbil Mahesh said that a decision on reopening schools for lower classes will be taken after September 8 once the situation has been assessed.

On Sunday, news emerged of three students from Thanjavur and one teacher each from Sivakasi and Tiruvannamalai testing positive for the coronavirus. The infectees are a Class 10 student of a government high school near Orathanadu, a Class 12 girl student from a school near Peravurani, and a Class 11 student from a school in Thirubuvanam. They tested positive on Saturday. As for the teachers, one teacher each from a government higher secondary school in Sivakasi and a government school in Kadaladi near Kalasapakkam in Tiruvannamalai were found to have been infected by the virus.

With this, eight students (including one college student) and five teachers have contracted Covid-19 across the State since the reopening of colleges and schools for classes 9-12 on September 1. Health officials are now engaged in contact tracing and collecting samples from the students' classmates, other teachers, and family members.

The minister said: "The functioning of the schools are being monitored. Based on an assessment in the first eight days, we will decide on reopening schools (lower classes)."

AY.12 variant in Andhra?

Vijayawada: After Delta and Delta Plus, AY.12, a new sub-lineage of Delta variant of Covid has become a cause of concern for Andhra Pradesh, as 18 cases of that variant were reported in the last one week. Genome sequencing of the random sample in the state, sent periodically to the designated labs of INSACOG reportedly revealed its presence. However, health department officials said they are yet to receive any report from the Centre, but they are continuing with measures to prevent spread of Covid19, irrespective of variants. **ENS**

Suhas was an ideal student, says teacher

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IN fact, **Suhas** is always known to be a hard worker. In 2007, he took up a job in Bengaluru, and also studied for the civil services examination.

Suhas, born in Hassan, did a major part of his schooling at Shivamogga and PUC at DVS Independent PU College.

He completed his computer science engineering from NITK, Suratkal. HC Umesh, the lecturer of DVS Independent PU College, is proud of his achievement in both fields.

"He was an ideal student. He became serious about the UPSC examination after completing his engineering. He is emotionally attached to the college. When he visited last year, he brought his wife and daughter to show the college where he did his PUC. We are proud of his achievement both in UPSC as well as in sports," Umesh said.

Twitter campaign to make Tulu an official language gains traction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mangaluru

JAI Tulunad, several other pro-Tulu organisations and supporters held a 24-hour Twitter campaign demanding Tulu to be declared as the state's official language and include it in the eight schedule of the Constitution. They urged the elected representatives from Dakshina Kannada to raise the matter in the upcoming assembly session.

Sudarshan from Jai Tulunadu said the intention of the campaign is to urge the elected representatives from the district to speak up and raise the matter in the 10-day assembly session this month. Launched with the hashtag #TuluOfficialinKA_KL, #SpeakUpForTulu, the campaign already got over 1 lakh tweets by Sunday evening.

"Our demand is to declare Tulu as the state's official language and to give first preference to the Tuluvas in industrial companies in the district. Under the New Education Policy (NEP), Tulu language should be included instead of making Kannada mandatory. Also, Tulu is taught as the third language in the schools but the salaries of the teachers are provided by Tulu Sahitya Academy. In addition, the government should form Tulu Development Board to promote Tulu and the culture. Sunil Kumar, who is from the coast, is the minister of Kannada and Culture department. Hence, we hope that our demands are fulfilled soon," he said.

'Alchemist' autorickshaw on Kerala roads grabs Paulo Coelho's attention

SHIBU B S @Kochi

TWITTERATI on Sunday were a bit surprised to see the picture of an autorickshaw tweeted by renowned Brazilian author Paulo Coelho. The photo of the back of the auto has the name of Paulo Coelho written on it and below the name is 'Alchemist' in Malayalam. He shared the picture and tweeted: "Kerala, India (thank you very much for the photo)."

The owner-cum-driver of the autorickshaw, K A Pradeep, is not active on Twitter. However, when friends alerted him about the tweet, he was thrilled. Being an ardent fan of Coelho, Pradeep was on cloud nine.

Pradeep with his autorickshaw in Ernakulam

"It was almost 13 years back that I had read Paulo Coelho's 'Alchemist'. Though I have only completed matriculation, reading is my favourite hobby. I have read the Malayalam translation of the book, which instantly made me a great fan," he said.

> **It is a dream-come-true moment for me. As it is said in the book itself, 'It is Maktub'**
> Pradeep, auto driver

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/EEE(DSM)/AEE/AE/2021-22/18169-97 Date: 31-08-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement Mode only)

1) Description of work ; "Expression of Interest for Empanelment of Agencies for Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Solar RTPV Grid connected power plants aggregating 10MWp on the Roof-tops of Residential buildings & Group Housing Societies (GHS)/Residential Welfare Associations (RWA) located in City/Urban/Rural areas in the jurisdiction of GESCOM (Covering 07 Districts i.e. Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari & Vijayanagara) under Net Metering scheme including Annual Maintenance Contract for a period of 05 years- under "SOURA GRUHA YOJANE (SGY) for FY 2021-22" including transportation, testing and commissioning. 2) Amount put to tender (in Rs.) : **2.55Crs.** 3) Contractor Qualifying Requirement: As per tender documents. 4) Visit e-procurement portal on or After for Bid Documents : **06-09-2021 after 11.00Hrs,** 5) Pre-bid meeting Date: **15.09.2021,** 6) Last Date & time for receipt of Bids through Electronic Mode only : **24.09.2021,** 7) Date & time of Opening of Techno-commercial Bid : **27.09.2021,** 8) Date & time of opening of Electronic Bid Sheets (Price Bid) : **30.09.2021,** 9) For more information Contact: Executive Engineer Ele., DSM Section, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585 102. Mobil: 9480844799, 10) Web Site Address : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIP/Kalaburagi/581/MC&A/2021-22

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

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SALE OF ASSETS THROUGH "e"- AUCTION.

The following immovable collateral security properties which have been taken possession under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESIA) for non payment of loan amount are available for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS. Those who are interested may participate in E-auction for purchase of properties.

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE UNIT/PROMOTER/ PARTNERS/DIRECTORS	COLLATERAL SECCURITY PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR SALE
1	**M/s. AYLI STONE INDUSTRIES,** Represented by its Partners Sri Srikanth N Ayli, Sri Mohan N Ayli, & Sri Vishwanath Ningappa Ayli, Kotwal Pet, Ilkal, Dist:Bagalkot, and Personal Guarantors : The Directors of M/s NYS Granites Impex Pvt Ltd., (1) Sri Nagaraj Vittappa Muddebihal (2) Smt Bharati Nagaraj (3) Sri Shrikanth Narayanappa Ayli (4) Sri Mohan Narayanappa Ayli (5) Smt Mamata W/o Yamanurappa Saka (6) Sri Yamanur Narasappa Saka (7) Sri Vishwanath N Ayli Dues as on 10/08/2021 are Rs.56.92 lakhs + Further interest & other debits	(1) The open plot converted for Industrial purpose, bearing Sy.No.161/2DK/2, VPC No.153 Measuring 5083 sq.mtr situated at Amaravathi Village, Taluk: Hunagund District: Bagalkot. (The Property standing in the name of M/s N.Y.S. Granites Impex Pvt. Ltd.) As per sale deed / As per ADLR Map. East : Plot Road / Sy.No. 161 Portion. West : Land of Balappa Bhimappa. Pujari / Sy.No. 161/1k/1. North: Land of Mudakppa Channappa Madiwalar / Sy.No.161 Portion. South: Plot Road / Garden, Parking at South West corner and 12 mtr Road. **Reserve Price : Rs.83.71 lakhs EMD Rs.8.37 lakhs** (2) The open plots converted for industrial purpose, bearing No.1,2,3,4 & 5 formed out of Re. Sy.No.137/3, VPC No.636, 637, 638, 639 and 640, KJP Sy. NO.137/B, each plot measuring 1458 Sq. Mtrs., 559 Sq, Mtrs., 432 Sq. Mtrs., 432 Sq. Mtrs., and 405 Sq. Mtrs., respectively, all sites are adjacent to each other and are situated at Balkundi village, Taluk: Ilkal, Dist: Bagalkot, having common boundaries as detailed below: (The Property standing in the name of Sri S N Ayli and Sri Y N Saka) As per sale deed / As per ADLR Map. East :N A Land of Katwa / Neighbours land. West :Road / Road. North :Road / Road. South :Agriculture land / Neighbours land. **Reserve Price : Rs.50.57 Lakhs EMD Rs.5.05 lakhs**
2	**M/s Shivam Granites,** Plot NO.20 & 21, Sy. NO.161/1 & 161/2A, KSSIDC Industrial Estate, NH-50, Hungund Represented by its Proprietor: Sri Hiralal V Suthar Personal Guarantor : Sri Kashinath M Kammara **Dues as on 10/08/2021 are Rs.160.62 lakhs + Further interest & other debits**	Plot No.46, Old Sy. NO.109, Municipal No.2328, Katha No.109/B, measuring 1415.70 Sq. Ft. situated at Ward No.2, Basavanagar, Hanumasagara Road, Ilakal, Dist: Bagalkot, in the name of Sri Hiralal V Suthara and bounded by : East : Plot No.47 / West : Road. North : Plot No.44 / South: Road. **Reserve Price : Rs.12.63 lakhs EMD Rs.1.26 lakhs**
3	**M/s Amruth Mineral Industries,** Sy. NO.168/2b/2, Mudhol, Dist: Bagalkot represented by its proprietor Sri Chandrashekhar S Managuli and Personal Guarantor : Sri Suresh S Managuli **Dues as on 10/08/2021 Rs.65.19 lakhs + Further interest & other debits**	Residential building bearing C T S No.149/A, measuring 51.75 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Ward No.1, Malali Galli, Bazar Road, Mudhol, Dist: Bagalkot, standing in the name of Sri Chandrashekhara Shivappa Managuli, and bounded by : East : C T S No.148 / West : Road. North: Road & CTS No.149/B / South : CTS No.157. **Reserve Price : Rs.16.00 lakhs EMD Rs. 1.60 lakhs**
4	**M/s Kashilingeshwara Oil Mill,** represented by its proprietor Sri Siddaraya Basappa Mali, Gothe village, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District **Dues as on 10/08/2021 Rs.215.37 lakhs + Further interest and other debits**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing VPC NO.189/A/4, measuring 45'x22' situated at Gothe village, Taluk: Jamakhandi, Dist: Bagalkot, standing in the name of Sri Siddaraya Basappa Mali and bounded by: East:Open space of Bhimappa Mali, West: Open space of Laxman Kurubar, North: Open space of Basappa, Sangappa, Shivappa Nyamagoud, South: Open space of Appanna S Narali **Reserve Price : Rs.2.00 Lakhs EMD Rs.0.20 lakhs**

Calendars of Events:
1) Auction Published Date and Time: **06.09.2021 at 11:00 AM**
2) Date and Time up to which Auction Notice Document can be downloaded: **07.10.2021 at 4:00PM**
3) Last date and time for payment of EMD **07.10.2021 at 4:00 PM**
4) Auction starts Date: **08.10.2021 at 11:00 AM**
5) Auction End Date: **16.10.2021 at 4:00 PM**
6) Date of inspection of the property: **15.09.2021 between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

The terms and conditions of sale through e-auction are detailed on website viz, http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in The Borrowers/Interested Persons/Personal Guarantors and Collateral Security owners are advised to bring better offer and visit the aforesaid website.

Place: Bagalkot.
Date:03-09-2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer and Branch Manager K S F C – BO: Bagalkot

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EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS/FIRMS DEALING WITH SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE ETC. OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

SBI invites applications from eligible, competent and resourceful vendors, firms companies etc. for empanelment to participate in tender for supply, installation & maintenance of Fire extinguishers at SBI Branches/ Offices under **SBI Bhubaneswar Circle**.
For details please visit website **https://bank.sbi** under procurement news/ **"Empanelment of Vendors"**. Last date of submission of tender is **27.09.2021 by 03.00 P.M.** Corrigendum/Amendment, if any would be posted on the website only. Hence, prospective applicants are advised to visit website regularly for above purpose.

Dt. 06.09.2021, Place: Bhubaneswar

Assistant General Manager (Premises & Estate)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-73.

No.BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/11/2021-22 Date: 03-09-2021

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) - KW-1
(Short Term Tender) (One Cover System)
(Through GOK E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division invites tenders, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.12, Shettyhalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
2.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.13, Shettyhalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
3.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.14, Dasarahalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
4.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.15, Dasarahalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
5.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.39, Peenya Industrial Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
6.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.41, Peenya Industrial Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
7.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.70, Hegganahalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(Others).**	15.00
8.	Providing silt & tractor in Ward No.71, Hegganahalli Sub-Division (For one year) **(SC).**	15.00

EMD in Rupees : Instead of EMD the Tenderer must submit the Declaration as for the Government Order No: ಅಇ 675 Cost - 12/2020, Bengaluru, Date: 22-12-2020.

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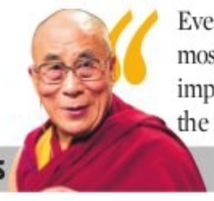

Even though our society doesn't emphasise it, the most crucial use of education is to understand the importance of more wholesome action and disciplining the mind—essentially the development of a good heart

Dalai Lama

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— Ramnath Goenka

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA

If you don't quite deliver on your mandate and yet stay central to the scheme of things in the Congress, you can't but be a Gandhi. Despite Congress president Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha election strategy bombing in 2019 and his subsequent resignation, he continues to be the de facto head of the party. His sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra appears to be doing an encore, as she is more absorbed elsewhere than in her primary task of making the UP unit fighting fit. To be fair, some activity is happening at the grassroots level in UP to train the cadre in booth management, with Priyanka addressing their camps remotely. The UP Congress is also open to alliances though no major party appears interested. Priyanka is engaged with the state through social media, too. But fighting elections that are six months away needs feet on the ground, not parachuting. The last time she visited it was in July for a few days. The recent iconic image of a US general being the last soldier to evacuate from Kabul captured the essence of leadership.

In 2016, when the Congress hired analyst Prashant Kishor to strategise the UP poll play, Priyanka had rejected proposals to be projected as the chief ministerial candidate. The vigour of 2016 is surely missing this time around. Her 'extraterritorial' activities have become newsmakers instead, like addressing dissent in Rajasthan, Punjab and Chhattisgarh. In Rajasthan, she did a successful holding operation by reaching out to Sachin Pilot, who was on the verge of defection. But her blind belief in Navjot Singh Sidhu, setting him up as an alternative power centre in Punjab against CM Amarinder Singh, was questionable as the fractures in the party unit are widening by the day. As for Chhattisgarh, she pragmatically persuaded Rahul to go easy on enforcing rotational chief ministership till the UP polls are over, as replacing an OBC CM at this point in time could have consequences elsewhere. In sum, her interventions have been a mixed bag.

So, who will be held responsibile if the Congress fails to improve its UP tally? Priyanka? Or will she be promoted to a national role before the UP elections to insulate her from the outcome? We keep our fingers crossed.

MONETISATION & THE RIGHTS OF STATES

The Tamil Nadu government's opposition to New Delhi's mammoth asset monetisation programme has thrown the focus back on federalism in the country. Chief Minister M K Stalin says public sector units are assets of the people and serve as the taproots for small and marginal industries. He believes privatising or leasing them out would not augur well for the country's welfare. Moving a step further, the TN industries minister said New Delhi should consult the state governments that have extended land for creating these assets. For example, Tamil Nadu has given a vast tract of land for establishing Salem Steel Plant.

The recently-announced ₹6 lakh crore national monetisation pipeline has lined up several assets from Tamil Nadu, including four airports, a heritage train and key national highway stretches. Can the Centre go ahead unilaterally to privatise these assets without taking the states into confidence and adequately compensating them?

A year ago, the Centre's airport privatisation plan had run into a similar roadblock. The Kerala government had moved the apex court to oppose the privatisation of Trivandrum International Airport, one of the six that Adani Enterprises won through an international bidding. The state-owned Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation had bid for Trivandrum Airport along with others, but failed. Since it is a dispute between the Centre and state, Kerala HC said it can be decided only by the SC under Article 131 of the Constitution. The case is still pending.

Land plays a vital role in most of the public assets. The Kerala government told the court that it handed over 23.57 acres of expensive land to the Airport Authority of India in 2005, free of cost, on the grounds that the land value would be reflected as its share capital in a special purpose vehicle. In the absence of a system for sharing revenues from monetisation of public assets with state governments, the Centre can't afford to push its decisions unilaterally. Discussions and conciliation, and a revenue share model will help maintain a healthy federalism in India.

That Taliban 2.0 will create a theocratic state is a given. We need to contextualise their human rights violations, without reference to self-serving Western political templates

TIGHTROPE WALK FOR INDIA ON THE TALIBAN FRONT

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Now that almost all of the anticipated dust has settled down over Kabul even before blowing, New Delhi is looking for more in the Taliban than terrorism of the nineties. If welcoming the Taliban to the Indian embassy in Doha indicates New Delhi's acknowledgement of the group in some way, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's observation—in Washington—that they were 'reasonable' and the Doha talks were 'reassuring', kindles hope.

The Taliban has reiterated that they would not interfere in Kashmir, which to them is either India's internal issue or a bilateral problem with Pakistan. It is unclear if their declaration to raise their voice for Kashmir Muslims without taking to weapons is tactical or strategic, from an 'emirate' to a 'caliphate'.

The Taliban too has a constituency, and cannot be seen as ignoring continual reports of physical and ideological attacks on Muslims in India. As Afghan rulers, theirs is also a counter-narrative to India wanting to 'protect' Hindus and Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains in takeover-time Afghanistan, again as government policy. Their voice can soon be heard in the OIC, and maybe the UN, not long after.

There are the redoubled Indian terror concerns that flow mainly from the Al Qaida message that after Afghanistan, it's now Kashmir for them. The Taliban needs to demonstrate that they want to put down Al Qaida and the ISKP, and snap umbilical cord ties with ISI. Pakistanis must know that the road to India criss-crosses their nation, and 'jihadi' and 'global emirate/caliphate' resonate there better and wider, now and ever.

Otherwise, citing historical linkages with Afghanistan, the Taliban have asked India to retain and revive bilateral political, trade and cultural ties. They are not (yet) talking the language of Taliban 1.0 who destroyed the Bamiyan Buddhas. Post-takeover, Hindus and Sikhs too have reportedly slowed down outward migration and begun returning home from places of refuge.

Strategic independence: The Taliban is controlling most of Afghanistan. Yet, their overtures do not automatically signal that the tiger has changed its stripes. India's 'cautious optimism' tradition should be the yardstick and tightrope walking, the name of the game.

In all this, India also has to think and act independent of the US, whose interests in the region are different from ours. Washington is yet to open up on support/weapons for erstwhile Afghan vice-president Amrullah Saleh, who is in hiding to fight the Taliban. There is a lesson in how the CIA helped make poppy Afghanistan's staple crop in their fight against 'Soviet occupation', and Americans now disabled choppers and ground vehicles with the Taliban in mind, but denied them mainly to government forces.

Unlike the US, India has retained its Kabul embassy, though unlike Russia and China, and Iran and Pakistan, it needed to evacuate. For New Delhi, over-identification with the US to fend off China elsewhere can be counterproductive in Afghanistan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Neighbourhood First Policy' should have begun with a real feel for ground realities, more so after Doklam and Galwan, nearer home. New Delhi cannot continue to compromise on strategic independence and outsource the nation's neighbourhood policy to the US or anyone else—and be seen as doing so, too.

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If reports that Iran, Qatar and the US helped New Delhi to evacuate Indians are fair, it justifies the pre-takeover Russian assessment that India did not have any influence on the Taliban to be invited to the four-nation conclave, where the US, Pakistan and China were present. Obliquely, New Delhi has made the pitch since, with the India-chaired UNSC session removing the 't-for-terror' word in reference to the Taliban, from the post-takeover resolution of August 16.

Theocratic state: India and Indians need to expect, if not accept, that Taliban 2.0 is creating a theocratic state as in Iran and Saudi Arabia, without necessarily exporting terrorism. The Sharia may dictate their domestic laws and behaviour. We need to contextualise their human rights violations, without reference to unprincipled, self-serving Western political templates.

New Delhi has to see if 'new Taliban' wants to give an orderly government, whether or not it is 'democratic', initially, taking Afghanistan away from an era of 'stateless people with faceless leadership'. It is what Mullah Omar and Osama bin Laden made of Afghanistan. It is where Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani have left it.

For India, the current developmental presence in all 34 provinces should be an outreach tool, and not an end in itself. It's true of all neighbourhood. The Taliban's declaration that China will be their 'principal development partner' is as much steeped in reality for the group/Afghanistan as it is in politics for China.

Analysts now say that the US hardly spent $500 million from a 20-year total of $2.3 trillion on developmental works in Afghanistan. Whatever debt-trap China has been laying in other aid-recipient nations, Afghanistan under the Taliban is now looking for hard cash and fast-track development.

India does not have that kind of money to spare even without the pandemic. New Delhi's decades-old efforts to put together a consortium of anti-China nations for investments in Third World nations has not been as successful as the emergence of the Quad-based military alliance. All of it is saying a lot about our reach and outreach in Afghanistan—past, present and possibly future!

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NOT ENOUGH HOMEWORK BEFORE REOPENING SCHOOLS

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Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on the education sector. It has been almost a year and a half since schools closed. According to UNICEF, 1.6 billion children are out of school across the globe. It estimates that the potential loss of education will result in a loss of about $10 trillion in future income for such students. As per UDISE 2019-20, there were 15.1 lakh schools in India at the time of closure. This has caused deprivation of school experience to 2.64 crore students. Although classes are conducted through a remote learning system, the reality is that it does not reach all children. A joint study by UNICEF, the World Bank, World Food Programme and UNHCR found that girls were the biggest victims of remote learning. Studies have shown that the Covid period was a time of distress for girl students around the world, such as premature marriage, early pregnancy, the pressure to go to work along with their parents, stress due to domestic chores, and the rise of domestic violence. Similarly, the remote learning system has deepened the marginalisation of already vulnerable students belonging to poor socio-economic and geographical backwardness. Schools may vow that online classes are going on uninterruptedly. But students, teachers and parents would find it as just a pacifier.

There are straws in the wind of some glad tidings after the availability of vaccination. Subsequently, UNESCO has brought out a framework for reopening schools after Covid closure. In India, many states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh opened schools. However, there is no doubt that the school closure for so long has created the greatest learning deficit in the history of our generation.

Schooling is a critical period that plays a vital role in the acquisition of many basic skills by students. International organisations have found that the preschool level is the best way to address school dropouts. The NEP 2020 also has emphasised the role of pre-primary schools in dealing with the dropout ratio. In addition, this phase of schooling lays the foundation for the intellectual, emotional and social development of students through play-based pedagogy. Preschools also have a great responsibility to acclimatise students to the quintessential practices of educational institutions. All of this has been denied during Covid closure.

An LKG student at the time of closure would now be placed in Class 1. Therefore, when these students arrive at primary schools, the teaching and learning process should compensate for the lost experiences at pre-primary level. If primary education and teaching activities are not restructured to accommodate this, it would not only be a loss for the kids, but for the future society as well.

In the primary level, students make significant progress in reading, writing and acquiring basic mathematical skills. Class 11 and 12 students grasp essential skills for entering higher education programmes at this level. All of this has been disrupted due to school closure. Imagine a student entering Class 11 in 2020 coming out with a Class 12 certificate without even going to school for a single day! Although classes are conducted online, the school experiences of this period are of great help to students in setting their dreams for the future. In addition, school experiences during adolescence play an important role in helping students develop the skills needed to achieve social and emotional health and essential life skills as well as job readiness.

The current student generation is sandwiched between pre-Covid and post-Covid ones with definite disadvantages due to deprived school experiences. Thorough studies are needed to figure out how this crisis will affect their academic, emotional and social abilities. However, it is great that many states reopened schools. It should not be overlooked that the decision to reopen schools is a huge responsibility when the spread of the disease is not fully under control. But did we do enough homework before reopening? The authorities would answer yes by citing the orders related to Covid protocol to be followed in schools. The question here is about the educational protocol to be followed. None of the states that reopened schools have one.

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New enrolment drive: It is time to implement the new enrolment drive across the nation. A large section of already enrolled students who could not attend schools during the Covid period, especially those from socially, economically and geographically backward areas, may not return to schools due to many reasons. A new educational campaign to return them to school is imperative. A new post-Covid enrolment drive focusing especially on such students is critical to avoid massive dropout from schools in the near future. The interest for regular schooling needs to be revived in students who were unconnected during remote learning. Of course, parents also need to be covered as an important target group in this drive, without which it will not meet success.

Bridge courses: Children are expected to attend classes after a long gap of about one-and-a-half years. Therefore, there should be a clear plan of how to ensure students get used to the regular schooling process again. Starting regular classes directly would have a devastating impact for the future. Therefore, it is important to facilitate a rapport between teachers and students, to allow them time to get to know each other and share their experiences during the closure, assessing (through impromptu objective and subjective means) how well each student has acquired the concepts taught online. A bridge course of sorts should be put in place to help students and teachers traverse the subjects taught online. Implementing such a project requires a large amount of pedagogical and intellectual intervention as well as technical and financial assistance. Chances for counterproductive results cannot be ruled out unless well-thought-out plans are implemented. It is, therefore, imperative that schools be provided with the financial, technical, intellectual, emotional and scientific assistance required. Unfortunately no such announcements have been heard from any state.

We are already late in planning out the preparations to be undertaken for welcoming our students to schools. How can it be implemented in a way that makes schooling attractive for students? What are the resources needed to do that? How long does it take to prepare all of this? What preparations need to be made to deal with potential problems after reopening? Unfortunately, such questions are not rife in the air. Better late than never!

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Infighting in the Taliban

The Taliban did not live up to their promise of forming the government in Afghanistan on Saturday. This was reportedly due to infighting among various factions of the militia over power sharing. The world is watching and they can see that the Taliban found wielding guns and shooting bullets easier than being able to give a semblance of governance and administration in the country.

KV Raghuram, Wayanad

Equal rights for Af women

That the Taliban forces brought the women's protest in Afghanistan to an abrupt end by firing in the air and using tear gas does not bode well for the nation's women. The rest of the world must work towards ensuring these women get equal rights before recognising the new Taliban government once it is formed.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Scripting history

Kudos to badminton player Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj for his unbelievable performance in the Paralympics 2020, snagging the silver medal. He also scripted history as the first IAS officer to have won a medal in the Paralympics. He is an inspiration to every youngster in the country and shows that hard work does pay off.

Yousuf Kamal, Malappuram

Vaccination for children

The DCGI's nod of approval for the trial of Biological E's vaccine, Corbevax, on children above the age of five is yet another milestone in our fight against Covid-19. It has come as a great relief to parents and school authorities. If successful, this vaccine can help restore normalcy in the educational front. Children will stand protected from the virus. Coming closely on the heels of Zydus Cadila's vaccine for the age group 12-17, Corbevax is welcome. State authorities must prepare arrangements to vaccinate the children.

S V Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Oppose Kerala govt's plan

The Kerala government's proposal to open Bevco outlets at KSRTC bus terminal complexes is highly condemnable. They will be a great nuisance to passengers, especially the ladies and children. The justification that the proposed outlets will be in the complex and not the bus station is not valid as both are in close proximity to each other. This plan needs to be opposed at all costs.

Jayachandran Thoovat, Wayanad

Appeasing G23 leaders

It is obvious that the Gandhis have realised that sidelining the Congress G23 leaders is doing more harm to the party than good. They feel that offering them plum positions in the party's hierarchy would perhaps snuff out the dissent. With most of the top rung leaders in the party being a part of the G23, the Congress can ill afford to continue antagonising or isolating them any more. After all, the only sin these leaders have committed has been calling for an election for the post of party president, which has been lying vacant since Rahul Gandhi relinquished it.

CV Aravind, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
It's a matter of pride for Indians to get the highest position in the 'Global Approval Rating'. It reveals the global acceptance of the public welfare policies.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Farmers are the voices and pride of this country. The whole country is with the farmers in the fight to save agriculture and demand the right to their hard work.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Bharat on the rise. Independent India has never seen such a historic 10 month struggle. Modi govt must repeal agriculture law and legalise MSP.

DELAY IN LAND ALLOTMENT HITS AIRPORT WORKS

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

INFRASTRUCTURE development is delayed in nearly 50 airports due to the states failure to make proper allotment of land as required by the Airport Authority of India (AAI). States like Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar have recorded a major gap between the land required and allotted.

As rapid growth in passenger traffic is putting pressure on the existing airport infrastructure, officials said that there is an urgent need to provide adequate airport infrastructure in the country. There are many airports in India facing terminal congestion issues during peak time.

Currently, major works are in progress and planning stage at about 66 airports in the country. However, there are many states where delay in allotment of land has hampered expansion and development of infrastructure facilities at the airports.

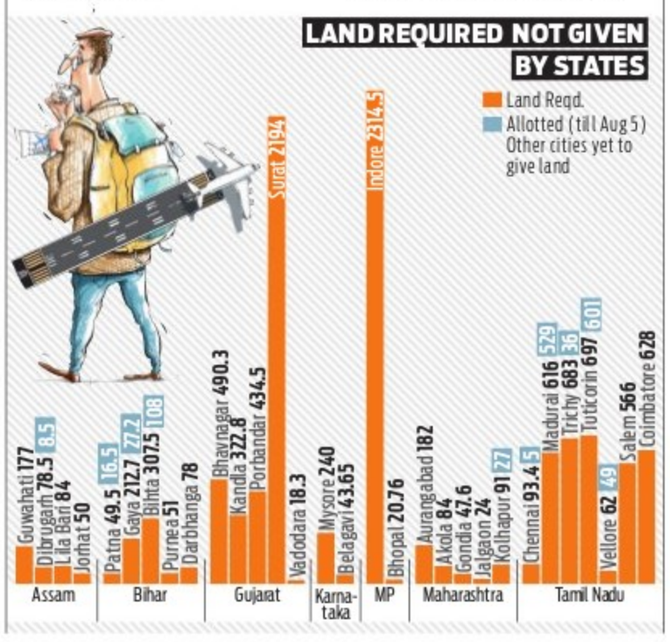
For instance, airports in Gujarat (*see box*) including Bhavnagar, Kandla, Porbandar, Surat and Vadodara require land 490 acres, 323 acres, 434 acres, 2194 acres and 18 acres respectively for various works and no allotment has been done by the Gujarat government.

Similarly, AAI projected demand for allocation of 240 acres at Mysore Airport, but Karnataka is yet to provide the parcel of land.

Rajasthan is yet to allot land at Kota, Udaipur, Bikaner, Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Officials said AAI is planning for expansion of airports which do not have facilities for landing of wider body aircraft.

Aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has drew attention of CMs in expediting the matters for strengthening of aviation infrastructure. AAI has embarked upon development and expansion of airports at a cost of ₹20,000 crore in the next four-five years in order to meet the growing passenger demand in the country.



EXPRESS READ

PM congratulates Indian athletes

New Delhi: With Indian athletes putting up their best show at the Tokyo Paralympics, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that their feat will always have a special place in the history of Indian sports and expressed hope to build on these successes. Modi also praised the people of Japan and its government.

Kovind gives awards on Teachers Day

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the National Teachers' Awards to 44 teachers for their contribution to developing innovative methods of teaching. The national-level awards are given to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country and to honour them.

Parties in Punjab worry about entry 'ban'

The 'ban' on entry of BJP leaders by farmer unions agitating on three central laws is now extended to all parties

(From left) Farmers leave after attending the Kisan Mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar on Sunday; SKM leader Rakesh Tikait at the venue with Yogendra Yadav and Medha Patkar | PTI

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IT is not just Uttar Pradesh where farmers have upped the ante. In poll-bound Punjab, the entire spectrum of political parties are worried as angry farmers have more or less decided not to allow them electioneering in villages.

Until now, the ire of farm unions were against the BJP which, they blame, for bringing the three central agricultural laws. But now, farmers have told all political parties, especially the BJP, that they are not welcome in villages till the Centre repeals the three farm laws and brings in a law that guarantees MSP for every crop.

In more than approximately 200 villages — most of them in Malwa region— across Punjab, the local units of farmers union under Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) have banned the entry of politicians. They have put up flex boards outside their villages stating that 'politicians are not welcome'.

The panchayats of Hero Khurd, Kulrian and Bhawa villages in Mansa district have passed resolutions to not allow the entry of any politicians in their villages and not to keep any ties with them.

In its meeting on Friday, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha had urged all political parties in Punjab to refrain from election campaigning for now if they truly support their struggle.

The meeting remained inconclusive. However, a final decision will now be taken at another meeting scheduled on September 8. This was after the clash in Moga between farmers and police during Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal's visit.

As Sukhbir Badal had faced the ire of farmers, the SAD then announced a six-day rescheduling in its 'Gal Punjab di Lok Lehar'' — a 100-day tour of 100 assembly constituencies .

Congress leaders who faced protest include Manish Tewari, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, Pawan Goel, Hardyal Singh Kamboj and Angad Saini. In Gurdaspur district, AAP leader Amarpal Singh Kishankot's hoardings were removed by the farmers.

Sukhdev Singh Kokri, general secretary of BKU (Ugrahan), said not only will they strongly protest against BJP, but also ask people in villages to boycott rallies of all parties.

UNYIELDING STAND

Both Harinder Singh Lakhowal of BKU (Lakhowal) and Omkar Singh of BKU (Rajewal Group) said the villagers are upset with the political class and have themselves decided to ban entry of leaders in villages.

Varun supports farmers, BJP calls event was political

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BJP MP Varun Gandhi on Sunday came out in support of agitating farmers, calling them as "our own flesh and blood" and suggested that the government should re-engage with them.

"Lakhs of farmers have gathered in protest today in Muzaffarnagar. They are our own flesh and blood. We need to start re-engaging with them in a respectful manner: understand their pain, their point of view and work with them in reaching common ground," Gandhi tweeted, posting a short video of the large crowd.

The BJP MP got support from RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary from Uttar Pradesh.

But the BJP termed the 'Kisan mahapanchayat' as an "election meeting" and accused its organisers of indulging in politics with assembly polls approaching in a number of states, including UP.

BJP's 'Kisan Morcha' head Rajkumar Chahar claimed in a statement that it is politics and not concerns for farmers which have been on the agenda of those behind the 'mahapanchayat'. "This was very much a political and election meeting. The opposition and farmer union leaders have been using the shoulders of farmers to engage in politics." He added that no government has done so much for farmers as the one led by PM Modi.

Call of truth is echoing, govt must listen to it, says Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE call of truth is echoing and an "unjust government" will have to listen, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, referring to the large attendance of farmers in Muzaffarnagar.

Thousands of farmers from Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring states on Sunday gathered in Muzaffarnagar for the 'kisan mahapanchayat' aimed at what they called "saving the country", just months ahead of the crucial Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls.

"The call of truth is echoing. You have to listen, unjust government!" Rahul tweeted in Hindi. The former Congress president also attached a photo with the tweet showing a packed crowd at the meeting in Muzaffarnagar.

The Congress party also came out with tweets in support of the agitating farmers. "The arrogance of the BJP government will now be shattered. If the farmer survives, the country will survive. The Congress stands with the farmer," its official handle tweeted.

Randeep Surjewala, Sachin Pilot, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Ashok Gehlot were among other senior party leaders who came out in support of the farmer unions'

Surjewala said those stealing the farms of farmers are traitors. Voicing support for the mahapanchayat, Pilot expressed confidence that the mahapanchayat organised under the leadership of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha will prove to be giving strength to the farmers' interests. "May this mahapanchayat prove to be a milestone in the direction of a peaceful farmers' movement," the Congress leader from Rajasthan tweeted.

Banks are being sold like the way FCI land is being given to Adani. The 'Sale of India' boards have been put up and the purchasers are Ambani and Adani.
Rakesh Tikait, Bharatiya Kisan Union leader

The prices of agricultural produce have gone down. The farmers are throwing their agricultural produce...even the input cost is not recovered.
Sharad Pawar, NCP chief

Political workers from Punjab and Haryana were brought for the event. The organisers are using the farmers for their own political interest
Alok Awasthi, UP BJP spokesperson

The Centre held 11 rounds of meetings with the farmers. The government continously raised MSP. All these have been done in the interest of the farmers.
Anurag Thakur, Union Minister

New SOPs to make probe of ministers in graft cases tough

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE government's new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for investigation under Section 17A of the amended Prevention of Corruption Act, may make it difficult for investigating officers to proceed against ministers or public servants.

Issued on September 3, the SOP is aimed at streamlining the process of anti-corruption probe like providing for stage-wise processing of information received by police officers, specification of the rank of police officers vis-a-vis public servants.

According to the SOP, a probe officer who finds material against a government servant will have to seek approval from a designated officer who would take a call if the case is fit for the "enquiry, inquiry or investigation". For Union Ministers, CMs, SC judges and PSU chiefs only a DGP or in case of CBI, the director can approve the probe.

For senior bureaucrats and senior management in the PSU, it can be DGP/ Director or ADG rank officers. While IGs can decide on middle management, DIGs on junior officers.

A former CBI director explained that had the provision existed at the time of 2G and coal scam cases, the agency would have found it extremely difficult to charge sheet secretary-level officers. Section 17A already makes its mandatory for seeking government's nod before initiating a probe or even questioning any bureaucrat unless caught red handed in an act of corruption.

Another CBI official pointed out that crucial evidence is collected mostly during the stage of preliminary enquiry. "If a PE is rejected for lack of material at the prior approval stage, it can prove to be the wrong decision in number of cases."

An official, who has worked in the anti-corruption unit of a state, however, said there was nothing much new in the SOP. "This system is in place since 2018. The check list will make it easier for the designated officer to decide if permission should be given or not."

UP Congress will consider alliances with smaller parties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh unit of the Congress said on Sunday that it will only join hands with smaller parties to fight the 2022 elections.

"The issue of joining hands with bigger players in UP ahead of Assembly polls is out of question for us," Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee president Ajay Kumar Lallu told reporters on Sunday.

Lallu expressed confidence that his party will make an impressive comeback in the state after three decades of lacklustre performance.

He said all previous respective governments, including the ones by Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samajwadi Party and the BJP have failed to live up to people's expectations.

Uttar Pradesh last had a Congress government in 1989 with late N D Tiwari as the Chief Minister.

However, the UPCC did not divulge the strategy that the party would adopt to make a comeback. Calling the Congress the "main challenger" to the BJP, Lallu said his party was confident of forming the government in the state after contesting the elections under the leadership of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

"We are moving forward as a strong opposition force, and under the leadership of Priyankaji, we will win, and form the government," said Lallu.

The BSP and the SP have so far ruled out any alliance with the Congress. While SP has expressed willingness to ally with smaller parties, BSP has made it clear that it will fight the election alone.

Ajay Kumar Lallu

Uddhav warns people of looming third wave

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

AS the Covid positive cases are surging significantly in Mumbai and Maharashtra, Chief minister Uddhav Thackeray warned people not to be on the guard given the danger of a third Covid wave.

Uddhav asserted that many parts of the world are experiencing the third wave. "We must try our best to ensure that the third wave does not set in, and if at all it does, the state machinery is ensuring that it is mitigated."

On Sunday, 496 positive cases were reported in Mumbai. Over 5,000 cases were reported across Maharashtra — the highest in the recent days.

"Many are insisting on opening up more activities. But, let's not forget that it can lead to severe consequences. We have a lifetime to politicise issues. Lives of citizens are more important," Uddhav said. "The festive season is nearing. Last year, a second wave began later after this period. The numbers are already rising."

Maharashtra faced a shortage of oxygen supply at the height of the pandemic, he said. "We should not face similar situation. So, we are focusing on generating more in anticipation of the third wave."

Centre guidelines to check fake vax

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre has issued guidelines to help people identify whether they are being administered authentic vaccines after reports of counterfeit versions of Covishield circulating in the international market.

A genuine Covishield vial bottle will have the parameters like the SII product's label shade in dark green, the brand name with the trademark mentioned on the original vaccine and dark green aluminium flip-off seal, Additional Secretary Manohar Agnani wrote to states, UTs on September 2.

Used vials at a centre in Jammu | PTI

The font of the generic name is un-bold, (Recombinant) is printed at the end of the generic name, overprinted with 'CGS NOT FOR SALE'.

The SII logo is printed on the adhesive side of the label and at a unique angle and position which can be identified by only a select few.

Regarding Sputnik, it said, that while all the information and design are the same, only the manufacturer name is different.

The English label is available only on the front and back of the carton of 5 ampoule pack for all the imported products so far, it added.

COVID TRACKER

4,10,048 ACTIVE CASES IN INDIA

4,367 Increase in active cases

17,47,476 Tests on Saturday

97.42% National recovery rate
2.45% Daily positivity rate
1.34% Case fatality rate

WEAPONS SEIZED

A huge cache of arms and ammunition, including two .22mm pistols, one 9mm pistol, a hand grenade and 36 cartridges of various calibres, was seized in Manipur's Noney district, a press release said

31 IAS OFFICERS TRANSFERRED IN M.P. RESHUFFLE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	35	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	31	24	Panaji	28	25
Jaipur	29	25	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	32	26	Lucknow	37	30
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	31	27
Kolkata	33	28	Imphal	27	20
Srinagar	34	16	Chandigarh	36	27

Arunachal MLAs try to stop exodus of people from areas near China border

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Guwahati

ARUNACHAL Pradesh MLAs, representing constituencies that lie along India's border with China, have come together to try and discourage the exodus of their electorates to the state capital Itanagar through development initiatives.

Eleven Assembly constituencies of the state lie along the border. The residents of these constituencies have helped security forces by reporting transgressions by Chinese troops. However, in the past few years, there has been a steady migration of villagers to Itanagar and other urban areas to find decent jobs. The border areas have remained backward, primarily due to geographical factors – they are remote and difficult to access for outsiders. The MLAs representing the border districts, who met in Itanagar on Saturday, formed the "Indo-China Border Development Legislators' Forum of Arunachal Pradesh".

Assembly Speaker Passang Dorjee Sona, who represents the picturesque Mechuka constituency in Shi Yomi district, was appointed as its chairman.

> **They tend to migrate to urban areas for a better life. The only way we can check their migration is by giving them opportunities**
>
> Dorjee Sona, MLA

Sona said lawmakers were concerned about the exodus of villagers. He said the meeting was necessary to discuss and find ways to tackle the issue.

"The border residents lack basic amenities and they tend to migrate to urban areas for a better life. The only way we can check their migration is by giving them opportunities through development initiatives," Sona said. Other MLAs agreed. They suggested the formation of a forum of legislators representing border constituencies, stating that this would help them take up the issues in unity.

The legislators felt the modification of existing guidelines of Border Area Development Programme was the need of the time. They called for improved funds allocation and block-wise utilisation certification by abolishing the practice of collective submission.

The MLAs are likely to submit their suggestions to Chief Minister Pema Khandu, who hails from Tawang, a western Arunachal district perched on the China border.

Khela Hobe pitch again as Didi readies for by-election

Victory in Sep 30 bypoll mandatory for Mamata to continue as CM

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee poses for photographs with trophies of Durand Cup 2021 during its opening ceremony in Kolkata on Sunday | PTI

BARELY four months after the close of a high-decibel Assembly election, the heat is rising once again in West Bengal politics as the date for the by-election in Bhowanipore constituency approaches. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who lost to BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari in Nandigram Assembly constituency, will contest the by-election from the Bhowanipore seat vacated by Sovandeb Chattopadhyay.

The slogan Khela Hobe (there will be a game)—coined by Mamata ahead of the Assembly polls—has resurfaced in the south Kolkata constituency through graffitis. Trinamool Congress Minister Firhad Hakim and MLA Madan Mitra took to the streets to paint the walls in support of their party leader.

The by-election is said to be crucial for Mamata, who has to get elected as an MLA by November 5 to continue as the chife minister.

"My leader Smt @MamataOficial has been the MLA of Bhawanipur twice earlier. This time she is again going to be the MLA of this area! In the excitement of the run up to the elections, we stepped out on the streets painting walls in our locality to show our support. #AbarKhelaHobe," Hakim tweeted.

The chief minister is taking the electoral battle seriously and has cancelled her visit to north Bengal soon after the by-election date was announced on Saturday.

Mamata was elected twice in 2011 and 2016 from Bhowanipore. However, in 2021, she decided to take on her former lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari, who defected to the BJP in Nandigram. Though Nandigram, in East Midnapore district, is a stronghold of the TMC, Mamata lost by 1,737 votes, because of Adhikari family's sway in the district.

The BJP has promised to give Mamata a tough fight in Bhowanipur, which has 20 per cent non-Bengal voters, whom the saffron camp considers its vote-bank. However, the TMC effused confidence, banking on its consolidation of Bengali-speaking voters.

> **Wining will not at all be tough for the CM. Women electorates will extend their support as they did in the Assembly elections**
>
> TMC source

Giant hoardings and posters carrying Mamata's photograph have already been put up across the constituency. "Wining will not at all be tough for the CM. Women electorates will extend their support as they did in the Assembly elections and Bengali voters have already rejected the BJP."

The BJP, Congress, and CPI(M)-led Left Front are yet to announce candidates. The bypoll will be held on September 30 along with the elections to two seats in Murshidabad.

Outsiders won't get Resident Certificate in Ladakh

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

MORE than two years after the bifurcation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, the administration of Ladakh, one of the two UTs, has issued an order to temporarily define who is a resident of the UT for non-gazetted government jobs.

According to Ladakh Resident Certificate Order 2021, only those who have a Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC) issued by a competent authority in the districts of Leh and Kargil or are eligible to be issued PRC shall be able to receive the Resident Certificate.

On August 5, the Centre diluted Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution, thereby stripping the special status and privileges accorded to J&K. The order states that children of persons possessing a PRC or children of persons who are eligible to be issued Permanent Resident Certificate by the competent authority in the districts of Leh and Kargil shall also be eligible to receive the Resident Certificate.

The Tehsildar or any other officer notified by the administration has been nominated as the competent authority to issue the Resident Certificate.

Defining who is a resident of Ladakh UT will help the administration fill posts in the non-gazetted cadre in the UT.

Political activist Sajjad Kargili, who contested and lost in the 2019 Lok Sabha from Ladakh, told this newspaper that defining the resident of the UT of Ladakh for non gazette government jobs is a welcome move. He, however, said a lot more needs to be done to safeguard the land and the job rights of the local population of Ladakh.

"We were enjoying protection for land and jobs under Article 370 and 35A and we want the government to safeguard our rights post the revocation of Article 370," Kargili said.

After the dilution of Article 370, the Centre has extended 890 central laws to J&K and 130 state laws of erstwhile J&K state were modified. However, the Centre hasn't extended any Central law to Ladakh.

EXPRESS READ

4 held for running fake sites of popular brands

New Delhi: Four people were arrested for allegedly running fake websites of multiple reputed brands, including Amul, Patanjali and Haldiram, and duping aspiring businessmen on the pretext of getting them franchise, dealership and distributorship, police said Sunday. They said the accused were arrested during raids in Delhi, Bihar and Haryana.

President Kovind in Goa for two-day visit

Panaji: President Ram Nath Kovind will arrive in Goa on September 5 on a three-day visit to the coastal state, Goa's information department said on Wednesday. "President will attend the presentation of the 'President's Colour' to the naval aviation, coinciding with the diamond jubilee celebration of the INS Hansa on Sep 6," the information department said.

Hindutva icons in ethics course of MP medicos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A mandatory foundation course for first-year MBBS students in Madhya Pradesh will include lectures on Hindutva icons like RSS founder Dr K B Hedgewar and Bharatiya Jana Sangh leader Deendayal Upadhyaya, pioneers of ancient Indian medicine and Dr B R Ambedkar from the new academic year.

The syllabus drew sharp reactions from the Congress, which slammed the government for tinkering with a professional course.

Announcing the new module on Sunday, state medical education minister Vishvas Sarang said: "It has been decided to impart lectures on personalities like Dr KB Hedgewar, Deendayal Upadhyaya, Dr B R Ambedkar, Maharshi Charaka and Sushrut in the course across all medical colleges in the state." The month-long course, under the Professionalism and Ethics module, aims at sensitising students on proper handling of patients, particularly the specially-abled ones.

"Ethics and value education is part of the National Medical Commission Foundation Course for MBBS nationally. We've decided to inculcate in the course lectures on our icons," Sarang said. But Congress' state unit vice president Bhupendra Gupta sarcastically said, "The BJP-ruled MP has set a record for producing doctors who did not even appear in the admission tests themselves through the Vyapam scam."

The course was launched in 2019 and individual states were tasked with framing the module's content locally.

NO MEDDLING

Minister brushes off saffronisation charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhopal

BRUSHING away allegations of saffronisation of the MBBS course in Madhya Pradesh, state medical education minister Vishwas Sarang said the restructured syllabus on ethics also focused on Maharshi Charaka, one of the principal contributors to the Ayurveda, and sage Sushrut, known as the father of surgery in India.

Till last year the module comprised a series of lectures on English, computer application, yoga and lessons on handling patients, informed Dr Manohar Bhandari, the former head of the Ethics and Value Education Committee of the MGM Medical College in Indore.

Sarang said that the state had the right to decide the contents of its module, adding: "The National Medical Council had said ethical values should be the part of the foundation course in the first year MBBS course. So we thought of incorporating these great personalities for building the character of students."

When asked why Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi were not part of the revised module, Sarang quipped students had been taught only about Nehru since Independence.

To a question on whether this amounted to saffronisation of education, the minister said: "If imbibing the values of great men in our youth is saffronisation, then it is saffronisation."

Congress leader Kamal Nath said the decision was on expected lines. "Since its inception, the BJP has wanted to thrust its ideology on the people, be it in the field of education or other areas," he tweeted.

FIR against C'garh CM's father over casteist remarks

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Raipur Police on Sunday registered an FIR against the father of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel over his remarks against the Brahmin community.

The FIR against Nandkumar Baghel was lodged at Deen Dayal Nagar police station in Raipur under Sections 153-A (promoting disharmony, enmity, or hatred between different groups) and 505-1(B) (statement causing fear or alarm or provokes feelings of enmity or hatred among a group) of the IPC.

According to the police, the case was registered on a written complaint filed by Avnesh Pandey, Soumitra Mohan Mishra and other members of the Sarv Brahman Samaj. According to the complaint, Nandkumar Baghel recently urged a boycott of the Brahmins, calling them 'foreigners'.

Earlier in the day, CM Bhupesh Baghel expressing anguish over the remarks of his 86-year-old father against the community, and said, the law is equal for all and the police should take appropriate legal action.

"No one is above the law. As a son, I respect my father, but for us, the law is supreme," the CM categorically asserted. However, the opposition BJP is skeptical that a proper investigation will follow. "Earlier, on various occasions, the CM's father had spread hatred between communities by speaking out disparaging remarks against the upper caste. We doubt a sincere investigation will follow after the registering of the case," Vishnu Deo Sai, the state BJP president, told this paper.

INSIDE POLICE STATION

Pastor attacked over conversion

RANCHI: A pastor and two others, including an officer-bearer of a Christian outfit, were allegedly manhandled and abused inside a police station at Raipur on Sunday by members of a right-wing organisation, a senior official said.

The group of right-wing activists accused pastor Harish Sahu of indulging in religious conversion and manhandled him as well as Ankush Bariyekar, general secretary of Chhattisgarh Christian Forum, and one Prakash Masih, inside Purani Basti police station, he said.

"Sahu had been called to the police station after a right-wing organisation submitted a complaint against him that he is indulging in religious conversions. A group of right-wing activists present there manhandled them inside the station," he said. *PTI*

STUDY SPACE

Community library in all panchayats, officer's dream comes true

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

COMMUNITY libraries have been set up in all 118 panchayats of Chhattisgarh's Jamtara district after revamping old and dilapidated public buildings.

The initiative is the brainchild of Jamtara Deputy Commissioner, Faiz Aq Ahmed Mumtaz, who while interacting with villagers, found out that they desire libraries where youngsters can come and prepare for government jobs. In the absence of libraries or proper education facilities, youths of the village have to go to cities and towns to prepare for competitive exams.

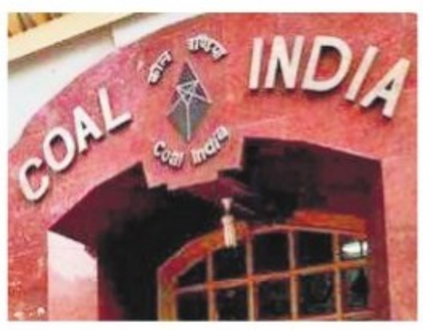
"The first such library was set up at Chengaidih panchayat on November 13, last year. After that, there was no looking back. Now, all 118 panchayats have well-stocked and beautiful libraries," said the DC. Girls, whose parents would otherwise be unwilling to send them to cities to prepare for government exams, are finding the libraries useful. Apart from a safe study space coaching is also provided free of cost for youths from underprivileged backgrounds. Classes are conducted by senior police officials and district administration officials. A total of 2,875 classes have been conducted so far through these libraries.

The Commissioner said the renovated buildings have been provided a general set of books, chairs, tables, and other amenities with the help of funds gathered from the public and the Corporate Social Responsibility funds.

A website has been set up (http://jamtaradistrict.in/library) where the public can donate books and other items to the library.

Students at one of the libraries

Coal India deploys software to map resources



Coal India Ltd (CIL) has launched a special software named "Spectral Enhancement" (SPE), that will help it identify thin coal seams under the earth's crust and improve the assessment of coal resources using seismic survey during coal exploration process. CIL's research and development (R&D) arm Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) has developed this first of its kind software in association with Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI). The company will file for the software's copyright protection. This 'Made in India' software will also help save time. It will also help lower the cost of coal exploration, and thus, provide a thrust to the mission of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in coal production.

RANCHI DIARY

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Govt scheme to promote sports in Naxal-hit areas

With an aim to reduce the gap between the people and the police through sports, while also grooming future sports stars, the Jharkhand government will soon launch a special scheme 'Sahai' to promote sportspersons in the Maoist-hit areas. Under the scheme, talented youngsters will be identified at the panchayat level. They will then be trained and made ready to compete in national and international sporting events. "To instill a culture of sports and identify talent in the state, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has directed officials of the Sports Department to work on a special sports scheme named 'Sahai' for youth from Naxalite-affected areas," a statement from the government has said. Officials have been asked to work extensively to connect youth below the age of 19 with the 'Sahai' scheme.

Ranchi-based NGO steps in to help tribals

A Ranchi-based organisation, 'Chala Akhra Khorha', has been supporting tribal people financially by selling their produces including tribal jewelry, clothes, and musical instruments, literature, handicrafts, metal crafts, painting and organic food items to promote tribal art and culture. According to officials of the society, it started its operations on a very small scale in 1998, but gradually, it was later made a store, helping out tribal people financially by selling their produces. The society has branches in every district of Jharkhand. It is also delivering the tribal arts and artifacts to Assam and Bhutan.

Debate over Namaz room at state Assembly

The Jharkhand government has issued an order to set aside a room for Muslims to offer Namaz in the newly-constructed Assembly building in Ranchi, drawing criticism from leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party who also demanded separate space in the building to set up a temple for the Hindu deity Hanuman. Though, the order was issued on Thursday, it was made public only on Saturday. The Congress and allies have welcomed the decision, while the BJP accused Hemant Soren-led alliance government of playing the politics of religious polarisation and appeasement.

12 people were killed & at least 30 were injured after a bus overturned on a highway in Egypt

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	22	13	HR	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	16	7	LC
Dhaka	34	27	TDS	Moscow	12	5	LC
Dubai	40	30	SNY	New York	29	18	LC
Houston	36	23	LC	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	24	20	LR	Toronto	22	15	LC
London	26	16	LC	Washington	29	17	SNY

US WARNS OF CIVIL WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

Taliban fighters push deep into final holdout province of Panjshir Valley; United Nations calls for end to violence

A Taliban fighter frisks a man as people visit a market in Kabul on Sunday | AFP

NEW NORMAL?

Kabul: Some signs of normalcy have returned to Kabul, as the women are back on the streets, schools have opened, and moneychangers work the street corners. Traffic police have returned to duty, and giant cement barriers sealing off upscale neighbourhoods have been removed. The Taliban rulers even resumed some domestic passenger flights to and from Kabul on Sunday. AP

KABUL

TALIBAN fighters advanced deep into the last holdout province of Panjshir Sunday, as the top US general warned Afghanistan faces a wider civil war that would offer fertile ground for a resurgence of terrorism.

Following their lightning-fast rout of Afghanistan's army last month — and celebrations Monday when the last US troops flew out after 20 years of war — the Taliban are seeking to crush resistance forces defending the mountainous Panjshir Valley.

The Taliban, who rolled into Kabul three weeks ago at a speed that analysts say likely surprised even the hardline Islamists themselves, are yet to finalise their new regime.

But top US General Mark Milley questioned whether they can consolidate power as they seek to shift from a guerrilla force to government. "I think there's at least a very good probability of a broader civil war," said Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a bleak assessment. "That will then in turn lead to conditions that could, in fact, lead to a reconstitution of Al-Qaeda or a growth of ISIS," he said.

A cyclist peddles past a wall mural that reads "by Allah's help, our nation defeated USA", along a street in Kabul on Sunday | AFP

Afghanistan's new rulers have pledged to be more accommodating than during their first stint in power, which also came after years of conflict — first the Soviet invasion of 1979, and then a bloody civil war.

They have promised a more "inclusive" government that represents Afghanistan's complex ethnic makeup — though women are unlikely to be included at the top levels.

Few in Panjshir, a rugged valley north of Kabul that held out for nearly a decade against the Soviet Union's occupation and also the Taliban's first rule from 1996-2001, seem to trust their promises.

Taliban official Bilal Karimi on Sunday reported heavy clashes in Panjshir, and while resistance fighters insist they have the Islamists at bay, analysts warned they are struggling.

The Italian aid agency Emergency said Taliban forces had reached the Panjshir village of Anabah, where they run a surgical centre. "Many people have fled from local villages in recent days," Emergency said, adding it was continuing to provide medical services to a "small number of wounded".

Anabah lies some 25 km north inside the 115km-long valley, but unconfirmed reports suggested the Taliban had seized other areas too.

'Humanitarian crisis'

Bill Roggio, managing editor of the US-based Long War Journal, said Sunday that while there was still a "fog of war" — with unconfirmed reports the Taliban had captured multiple districts — "it looks bad".

Both sides claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the other. "The Taliban army has been hardened with 20 years of war," Roggio tweeted Sunday, adding that "the odds were long" for the Panjshir resistance. Roggio noted that the Taliban seized "a massive amount of weapons" after the US withdrawal and the collapse of the army.

Former vice-president Amrullah Saleh, who is holed out in Panjshir alongside Ahmad Massoud — the son of legendary anti-Taliban commander Ahmad Shah Massoud — warned of a grim situation.

The Panjshir Valley, surrounded by jagged snow-capped peaks, offers a natural defensive advantage, with fighters melting away in the face of advancing forces, then launching ambushes firing from the high tops down into the valley.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, meanwhile, has called for an end to violence in Afghanistan over fears of a new civil war now that the Taliban has seized power. "I urge the Taliban and all other parties to exercise utmost restraint to protect lives and to ensure that humanitarian needs can be met," Guterres said in a report to the Security Council obtained by AFP but not yet released publicly. *AFP*

QATAR'S TIME

Qatar has been working with the Taliban to quickly reopen the airport in Kabul, and it hopes to see the establishment of humanitarian aid corridors.

Some countries have moved their Kabul embassies to Qatar, praising their host for its role in the airlift out of the Afghan capital.

Tiny Qatar has seized the moment, cementing its outsize global influence and reputation as a neutral mediator.

A dialogue is necessary. We simply have to talk to the Taliban about how we can get people who have worked for us out of the country and bring them to safety

Angela Merkel, German Chancellor

A burqa-clad woman sells pen to commuters at a traffic intersection in Kabul | AFP

Taliban order women in varsity to wear face-covering niqab

Kabul: Women attending private Afghan universities must wear an abaya robe and niqab covering most of the face, the Taliban have ordered, and classes must be segregated by sex — or at least divided by a curtain. In a lengthy document issued by the Taliban's education authority, they also ordered that female students should only be taught by other women, but if that was not possible then "old men" of good character could fill in. The decree applies to private colleges and universities, which have mushroomed since the Taliban's first rule ended in 2001. During that period, girls and women were mostly excluded from education because of rules regarding same-sex classrooms and the insistence they had to be accompanied by a male relative whenever they left the house. There was no order for women to wear the all-enveloping burqa in the new regulations issued late Saturday, but the niqab effectively covers most of the face anyway, leaving just the eyes exposed. In recent years, burqas and niqabs have largely vanished from the streets of Kabul, but are seen more frequently in smaller cities and towns. The decree comes as private universities prepare to open on Monday. AFP

Directors dread 'country without artists'

VENICE

THERE was moving testimony from Afghan filmmakers at the Venice Film Festival this weekend, as two female directors warned against trusting the Taliban's promises.

"In just two weeks, the most brilliant elements have left the country, at least those who were able," 38-year-old director Sahraa Karimi told reporters at the festival. "Imagine a country without artists," added Karimi, who has won several international prizes for her work. She said the Afghan film industry had entirely stopped "in the space of a few hours" after last month's sudden takeover by the Taliban in the wake of the US military's withdrawal. "The archives are now under the control of the Taliban. The work of directors vanished in a few hours. Some were able to leave with their computers, others with nothing at all."

Afghan directors Sahraa Karimi and Sarah Mani (R) at Venice Lido | AFP

Her fellow Sahra Mani, known for a documentary about victims of incest "A Thousand Girls Like Me", added: "This collapse meant we lost everything."

Mani used the example of Kabul's only mixed music school. "The Taliban are now occupying the building. They have destroyed the students' instruments and the students are in hiding," she said on the verge of tears. She described her fellow exiles as "ambassadors of Afghan identity", and warned against trusting the Taliban. "Not only are they more cruel, they are wiser due to use of technology." *AFP*

Guinean army colonel declares govt dissolved on TV

CONAKRY

A GUINEAN army colonel seized control of state television and declared that President Alpha Conde's government had been dissolved and the West African nation's borders will be closed. The announcement came after several hours of heavy gunfire erupted near the presidential palace on Sunday. The dramatic developments bore all the hallmarks of a West African coup d'etat. After seizing the airwaves, the mutinous soldiers vowed to restore democracy and gave themselves a name: The National Committee of Gathering and Development.

Conde's whereabouts were not immediately known.

Col. Mamadi Doumbouya, who spoke to the nation, made no mention of the 83-year-old president, whose popularity had been plummeting consistently since he sought a third term last year. "The personalisation of political life is over. We will no longer entrust politics to one man, we will entrust it to the people," Doumbouya said, adding that the constitution would also be dissolved and borders closed for one week. Doumbouya, who has headed a special forces unit in the military, said he was acting in the best interests of the nation of over 12.7 million people. "The duty of a soldier is to save the country," he went on to state on TV. *AP*

4 killed as suicide bomber blows self up in Pakistan

KARACHI

A suicide bomber of the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan blew himself up in the country's restive Balochistan province on Sunday, killing at least four security personnel and injuring 20 people, a top police official said.

The attack targeted a Frontier Corps (FC) check post on the Mastung road in Quetta, the provincial capital, Deputy Inspector General of Quetta police Azhar Akram said. Akram told reporters that an initial investigations suggested that the suicide bomber drove an explosives laden motorcycle into a vehicle carrying Frontier Corps. "The bomb disposal squad has estimated that the motorcycle was laden with 6kg of explosives," he said.

Akram confirmed that four people were killed in the blast while 20 others, 18 soldiers and 2 bystanders, were injured in the attack. "Condition of some of the injured is critical and the casualties could rise," he said.

According to the Counter-Terrorism Department of Balochistan, the blast was a "suicide attack" and was carried out near the check post.

The banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack, sending a grim signal that the change of government in Kabul might not end the woes of Pakistan as the country looks towards the Taliban to rein in the TTP rebels who are hiding in Afghanistan.

According to security forces, the vehicle targeted in the attack was providing security to vegetable sellers belonging to the Hazara community of the province.

Condemning the attack, Prime Minister Imran Khan offered condolences to the families of those killed. *PTI*

Security officials examine the site of suicide bombing in a checkpoint on the outskirts of Quetta, Pakistan, on Sunday | AP

UAE loosens residency requirements with 'green visa'

DUBAI

THE UAE announced a new visa on Sunday allowing foreigners to work in the country without being sponsored by an employer, loosening residency requirements in an attempt to boost economic growth.

Foreigners in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates are generally only given limited visas tied to their employment, and long-term residency is difficult to obtain. But those holding the new "green visa" will be able to work without company sponsorship, and can sponsor their parents and children up to 25 years old, officials said.

"It targets highly skilled individuals, investors, businesspeople, entrepreneurs, as well exceptional students and post-graduates," said Minister of State for Foreign Trade Thani al-Zeyoudi. Resource-rich Gulf countries such as the UAE are increasingly seeking to diversify their economies and reduce reliance on oil. The Covid pandemic has also impacted tourism and businesses in the UAE, whose economy was already slumping in recent years due to low oil prices.

In 2019, the UAE launched the 10-year "Golden visa" to attract wealthy individuals and highly skilled workers, the first such scheme in the Gulf. *AFP*

13 cops killed in suspected IS attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD

GUNMEN opened fire at a federal police checkpoint in rural northern Iraq, sparking clashes that killed 13 police, a security official said Sunday. He blamed the attack on Islamic State militants.

The attack late Saturday on the checkpoint in Satiha village in Kirkuk province also wounded five police. The security official said the clashes with the militants lasted for nearly an hour.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to reporters.

The militant group did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack. But northern Iraq has been a hotspot for IS activity since its territorial defeat in 2017 by Iraqi security forces with assistance from the US-led coalition. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

JAPAN

Filmmaker's vehicle attacked with pickaxe

Tokyo: A vehicle carrying acclaimed film director and actor Takeshi Kitano was attacked by a man with a pickaxe and a knife, media reports said. Kitano, 74, also a celebrated television comedian in Japan, was inside the vehicle on the premises of private network TBS in Tokyo when the attack took place Saturday night, the station reported. The attacker cracked the windshield and beat other parts of the vehicle, reports said. Kitano, also known as Beat Takeshi, first drew acclaim for his raw depictions of the violent world of Japanese organised crime. He garnered international fame for his roles in gritty dystopian thriller "Battle Royale" as well as in the eponymous comedy game show 'Takeshi's Castle'. No one was injured. AFP

NEPAL

Citizens warned against 'hurting' friendly nations

Kathmandu: The Nepal government on Sunday warned its citizens against carrying out any "reprehensible and disgraceful" actions that may hurt the dignity of the friendly nations after some people burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during protests in the country. In a statement, Nepal's Home Ministry expressed objection towards such "reprehensible and disgraceful" actions. The statement, however, did not identify the leader. PTI

HONG KONG

Tiananmen vigil group denies foreign ties

Hong Kong: The group behind the annual Tiananmen Square memorial vigil in Hong Kong said Sunday it will not cooperate with police conducting a national security investigation into the group's activities, calling it an abuse of power. The police had notified the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements of China last month it was under investigation for working for foreign interests, an accusation it denied. "This is a really bad precedent of the national security (police) abusing the power by arbitrarily labelling any civil organization as a foreign agent," Chow Han Tung, vice chairwoman of the alliance, said at a news conference called to address the police investigation. AP

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Jeans, sportswear not parliamentary dress code, Speaker warns British MPs

LONDON

BRITAIN'S members of Parliament who will return to the House of Commons on Monday at the end of their summer recess and have been issued a warning note by the Speaker to dress appropriately in 'business attire'.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle, the Commons Speaker, has updated the 'Rules of behaviour and courtesies in the House of Commons' to address any laxity that may have set in during the Covid lockdown when rules were relaxed to allow MPs to be able to connect virtually with the chamber.

Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle speaks at the House of Commons | AFP FILES

The new upgraded Commons guidance states that MPs must remember how they dress, 'should demonstrate respect for your constituents, for the House and for the institution of Parliament in the life of the nation'.

"Members are expected to wear business attire in and around the Chamber," read the new rules. "Jeans, chinos, sportswear or any other casual trousers are not appropriate. T-shirts and sleeveless tops are not business attire," it adds.

The new rules represent a toughening of the advice from Hoyle's predecessor John Bercow, who was known for a more relaxed approach and believed there was "no exact dress code" for MPs. It follows a few instances where Hoyle has intervened to point out an MP's attire, including former Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt being told he was not dressed smartly enough during a Commons debate. *PTI*

Casual shoes and trainers are not appropriate to be worn. Men are encouraged to wear a tie, and jackets must be worn. It is a privilege to serve as a Member of Parliament and your dress, language and conduct should reflect this — Upgraded Commons guidance

EXPRESS READ

Three killed in shooting in NW Washington: Police

Washington: Three people were killed and three others were wounded Saturday night in a shooting in Northwest Washington, the Metropolitan Police Department said. The injuries of surviving victims treated at area hospitalised were not life-threatening, police said. Police sought public assistance in locating a black Honda Accord sedan pictured in a tweet. AP

₹2.93 L cr — Nine of the top-10 most-valued companies added in market valuation last week

India, among the world's biggest holders of gold, saw investments in crypto grow from about $200 million to nearly $40 billion in the past year

GOLD VS CRYPTOCURRENCY: THE GREAT DEBATE

SESA SEN @New Delhi

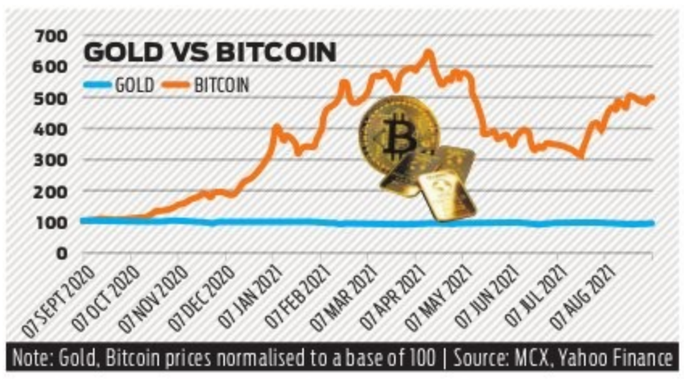
GOLD, the most acceptable metal of the world since 5,000 BC and especially so during a crisis, has been trading slow and sideways in the last few sessions as investors move money to riskier assets. In 2021, the precious yellow metal lost much of its shine, thanks to the phenomenal bull run in local equity markets amid the global economic uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, the new-age cryptocurrency has given better returns than gold, forcing even those investors who were stubbornly bullish on the precious metal until recently to swerve to cryptocurrency. Crypto enthusiasts have often called Bitcoin 'digital gold' predicting the popular virtual currency is likely to outshine the traditional bullion -- gold.

Is gold losing its sheen?

But, what speaks against gold -- the old-school safe-haven investment? Consider these numbers. From a peak of ₹56,000 per 10 gm in August last year, the domestic price of gold has tumbled to ₹47,487 currently. Gold October future contract at Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) closed at ₹47,166 per 10 gm. In global markets, gold rates hit a seven-week high on Friday as slower job growth in the US eased concerns that the Federal Reserve will soon pare back stimulus. Spot gold rose over 1% to $1,830.

India, among the world's biggest holders of gold, saw investments in crypto grow from about $200 million to nearly $40 billion in the past year, according to blockchain data platform Chainalysis. Bitcoin, for instance, was trading above $60,000 till recently rising from $0.08 at its launch in 2008.

"One of the reasons for gold moving sideways is that for some time there was an apprehension of US Fed tapering and rate hikes. Although this has changed now, there are no immediate triggers for a price hike. The price of the yellow metal would look upwards only if there is a renewed global uncertainty -- say, for instance, another Covid-19 wave, or geo-political tensions," said Joydeep Sen, founder wiseinvestor.in.



Note: Gold, Bitcoin prices normalised to a base of 100 | Source: MCX, Yahoo Finance

Besides, the strengthening of the rupee has been putting pressure on gold prices. Physical gold demand has remained subdued recently as jewellers held off purchases, hoping for a dip in prices. Regardless of the demand, supply remains disproportionately low. Earlier, the precious metal also reacted to an increase in crude oil prices besides the fluctuations in the Dollar Index and Euro.

Now, however, it is reacting more to the performance of equity markets, which have been attracting a lot of capital flows and hitting new highs every week. Market observers say stocks will continue to rise, even as there may be some intermittent corrections while the scope for returns in other asset classes, including gold remains scanty. For gold prices, the appealing ₹50,000-level seems far away.

"Record-high benchmark indices led people to liquidate gold to buy stocks in the past few weeks. A consistently strong dollar also led to the decline. Don't expect the prices to hit ₹50,000-level this year," said Hareesh V, Research Head Commodities at Geojit Financial Services.

Cryptocurrencies: Time for restrain

Of late, bitcoins have gained prominence as a store-of-value investment because, like gold, they tend to work as a hedge against currency devaluation and volatility, according to market watchers.

But with ambiguity around legal status of cryptocurrencies in India, investors should be mindful of the risk of any adversarial regulatory move by the government or the Reserve Bank of India in the future. While the government has sent mixed signal as far as cryptocurrencies are concerned, the RBI has been more categorical in its denouncement of digital currencies with governor Shaktikanta Das recently saying that private cryptocurrencies remain a risk for financial stability.

Hareesh, like many other gold pundits, says it is naive to believe that a metal that sustained human interest for two millennia would suddenly lose allure to a much volatile cryptocurrency.

Should you invest in crypto? Let's hear from the experts

"Cryptocurrencies have delivered better returns than other asset classes, but one must not lose sight of high risk and sharp volatility. Gold has given steady returns and is the ultimate currency of central banks. So, traders can use Bitcoin for speculation and short-term gain," according to Renisha Chainani, Head of Research, Augmont Gold for All.

Hareesh says that the yellow metal should ideally be not more than 15% in one's investment portfolio as it has established itself as a safe haven, a hedge against inflation, and a preserver of value.

Sen explained, Gold and cryptocurrency are not strictly comparable investments as the former is a historic, proven, and known one while the latter is a not-really-proven one with endless possibilities both on the upside (gains) and downside (losses). "For conservative investors, gold is better and for those who prefer the adrenaline rush of a roller coaster, cryptocurrency is worth trying out," he added.

RISK PROFILE

AMCs asked to invest in schemes based on risks

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IN order to have more skin-in-the-game, asset management companies (AMCs) will now have to invest a minimum amount as a percentage of the asset under management (AUM) of a mutual fund scheme depending on the risk profile of the scheme.

The higher the risk, the higher the minimum investment the fund house would have to make.

As per a recent Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) circular, an AMC will have to invest – either from its net worth or from funds garnered from their sponsors – at least 0.13% of the asset under management (AUM) in a scheme with very high risk. The investment has to be a minimum of 0.03% of the AUM if the scheme falls in the lowest risk category.

The risk value of the scheme would be based on the risk-o-meter of the immediate preceding month. The investment will be maintained at all points of time. "AMCs will, except in case of close ended scheme(s), conduct a quarterly review to ensure compliance with the requirement of investment of minimum amount in the scheme(s) which may change either due to change in value of the AUM or in the risk value assigned to the scheme," says the Sebi circular.

However, AMCs would be not be required to invest in ETFs, Index Funds, Overnight Funds, Funds of Funds scheme(s) and in case of close ended funds wherein the subscription period has closed as on date of coming into force of this rule.

WHO SHOULD SELL NOW

RAJAS KELKAR

STOCK market prices are at a record high. They are scaling new peaks every week, led by a flush of money from foreigners and local investors. Many are rewriting definitions of what is cheap or expensive in the market. Things are getting heady.

"Making money is all about risk, optimism and courage. Keeping money is an entirely different psychological ball game," says Morgan Housel in the book Psychology of Money.

When you are out to make money, you know there would be risks and pitfalls. You are prepared to take a knock or two. A common element is the poor understanding of market, economic and business cycles. You may think that it may require in-depth knowledge and a course in finance. However, there are some things you cannot miss out on.

If you are a professional or a small business, you will know when the company is easy and when it is not so easy. There could be sector-specific factors for the business to be slow. However, if you see everyone struggling to shore up business, you know it is a business 'down' cycle. The natural reaction to that is to ride through it and wait for the right time. It is risky, but you do manage to ride through it.

As businesses await a better time, investors try to anticipate their fortunes. They bring in the money early amidst the hope that profits and revenue of companies that they own would grow at some stage when life goes back to normal. The inherent optimism drives share prices up. Investors back businesses through private equity or debt. In the secondary market, share prices rally like they are doing now.

All of that requires courage to hang in there. Besides the knowledge bit, you need the stomach to act on it. After all, it is your hard-earned money. Losses can be painful.

This column is not about telling you when to buy or sell your investments. A lot goes into arriving at such a decision. That includes information that you can easily access and information that requires a more profound understanding of financial markets. You will read about things that you can easily access here. The rest we would leave to analysts, financial advisors and other professionals.

If you have been investing steadily directly or through mutual funds over the years, you may want to continue doing that if you do not need that money now. However, if you need the money now or over the next couple of years, you may want to sell. Yes, share prices may rally after you sell. But then, you need to focus on your financial goals and get out.

If your goal was to double your money in five years and your investments have helped you achieve that, you must sell. The present and the future value of stocks in the financial markets should have no meaning to you as you have reached your goal. You could have had your dream car in mind or a down payment for a home mortgage. You must sell and book profits.

For those trying to make money amidst the euphoria in the stock market quickly, things could be tricky. Share prices tumble pretty quickly. However, they gain the lost ground steadily. That is a pattern in history after every stock market fall. Famous author Mark Twain once said, "History may not repeat itself. But it rhymes". After every dramatic rally in the stock market, there is a period of lull. A fall and then a slow recovery. For those new to the world of investing, you need to just go back to March 2020. The sharp drop in the benchmark indices took nearly a year to recover.

Your ability to take any risk is primarily a function of your future income. You can continue taking the risk by using investment strategies based on machine learning or artificial intelligence or by an expert advisor. However, if you are new to the world of investing, it may be a good idea to err on the side of caution when share prices are at a record high.

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

When you have achieved your goal - Sell

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MONEY-WISE

The case of rising ULIP demand

A recent study has showed that there is a 40% increase in younger Indian investors, who seek to invest based on a clear-cut financial plan post the advent of Covid-19, as opposed to earlier when it was sporadic and largely unplanned.

Interestingly, a recent survey by a Life Insurance company indicated that two out of every three i.e. 66.66% of the respondents have said they will invest in Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs) in the coming year.

The key reasons attributed for ULIPs popularity amongst affluent investors, according to the report was its ease of tracking, relatively low-cost structure over time and the convenience of adding a rider or top-up. The survey also indicated that ULIPs were popular even amongst the middle-income group, who listed its partial withdrawal facility as the main point of attraction.

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The study further shows that while majority of Indian investors especially young investors prefer investing in financial product through SIP, people in their Forties and above prefer lump sum investments.

If one goes purely by the content from a search engine's results, one would carry the notion that Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs) offered by insurance companies are costlier and lack the same transparency as mutual funds, besides generating much lower returns after 5 years, which is the lowest installment premium paying term for a ULIP investor.

So, does this mean, ULIPs are superior to mutual funds as an investment vehicle. The simple answer is yes and no. It depends on whether one prefers apples or oranges, as that is the nature of the comparative studies that one reads on many financial websites. The simpler way to look at it is to select based on the appropriateness of a product to the temperament of an investor.

Allow me to cite a case I remember of a young couple, both professionals and earning handsomely, but somehow perpetually facing a liquidity crunch whenever a payment commitment was due. This forced them to keep redeeming their mutual fund investments at frequent intervals, thus robbing their portfolio of the crucial compounding element that boosts returns.

Clearly, their problem was not one on the supply side as they earned well and their cash inflows were pretty impressive. Their problem area was their inability to control cash outflows, especially avoidable capital commitments like costly club memberships that they never ended up using more than a couple of times. However, their opting for not just such a capital commitment but also 'easy' EMI installments to pay it further compounded their problems as the interest rates levied on them were abnormally high.

Ever since they shifted to a ULIP a few years ago, there has been a cap on their expenses as it is not quite as readily redeemable as a mutual fund. In such cases, the limited liquidity for the first few years actually works as an advantage for compulsive spenders.

It is hence that I for one, am hardly surprised about the results of the above mentioned survey reflecting the growing popularity of ULIPs.

Experts bullish on the stock market but warn of profit booking

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AFTER benchmark indexes (Nifty50 and BSE Sensex) shattered numerous records last week, analysts expect the bulls to be in control of the equity market. However, they also maintain that investors should trade cautiously as present valuations are at record high and market may witness strong profit booking in the coming sessions.

"With the Nifty hitting new highs almost every other day, it's clear to see just how optimistic traders and investors are on the domestic front (domestic cues). However, global cues may not be as supportive of the market as domestic cues. To begin with, the recent news by an automaker regarding a production cut owing to a chip shortage is one factor that is weighing on the stock of automobiles in the short to medium term. On the other hand, the WHO's announcement of new Covid-19 strains resistant to the existing vaccine is something that investors will be watching," Gaurav Garg, Head of Research CapitalVia Global Research told TNIE.

He added, "Even while India's current reporting is around 10% of what it was during the second wave's peak hours, the country still needs to be cautious. The aggressive vaccination is one factor that is keeping traders' spirits high, and the debut of a new IPO is another. Looking ahead, the market could trade in the 17000-17750 zone."

Siddharth Khemka, Head-Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said that valuations are also moving beyond comfort zones and could lead to bouts of profit-booking and an increase in volatility. Similarly, Ajit Mishra, VP Research, Religare Broking, said, "The broader indices have also witnessed a decent surge, but we recommend remaining cautious as any profit-taking in the market may again derail the momentum. In short, align your positions according to the trend and continuing with the "buy on dips" approach."

The Sensex on Friday breached the 58,000 mark and closed the day at 58,129.95, while the Nifty shut shop at 17,323.60.

The 30-share index has zoomed 10,248.67 points or 21.46% so far in 2021. In the last one month, it has rallied 6.92% while in the last 5 sessions (which include Wednesday's fall), it has surged 2.68%. The valuation, according to some experts, has reached to such a level that a correction is imminent.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹4,100.05

Target Price ₹4,830

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

Govt's excise collection jumps 48% in April-July

The government's collections from levy of excise duty on petroleum products have jumped 48% in the first four months of the current fiscal year, with the incremental mop-up being 3-times of the repayment liability of legacy oil bonds in the full fiscal, official data showed, PTI reported.

INDIA TAKE WINGS
SWEET19

Once bullied for his short stature, shuttler Krishna claims Paralympic gold

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

ALMOST five years ago, Krishna Nagar was a victim of bullying in college because of his short stature. Afflicted by a growth impairment since childhood, he stands at 4 feet and 3 inches. By the time he got into college, he had not let his disability come in the way and was into various sports like volleyball, athletics and cricket. But the bullying by his peers in college impacted Krishna so badly that he became a loner. He stopped going out and interacting with friends.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, his father Sunil Nagar decided to take his son to a badminton academy at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium in Jaipur. The move turned out to be a watershed moment in Krishna's life. On Sunday, Krishna claimed gold in the men's singles SH6 category. He beat Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai 21-17, 16-21, 21-17 in the final.

"The bullying changed my son's life and he is now a Paralympic gold medallist. It motivated him to prove his detractors wrong and he did that in style by winning gold," Sunil said. Sunil, too, was a sportsperson and played taekwondo, judo, baseball, softball and baseball at the competitive level.

Sunil wanted to join the Indian Army, but his height — 5 feet 5 inches — turned out to be a deterrent. He, however, took it in his stride and started working as a fitness trainer. But his world turned upside down when doctors told him his eldest son, Krishna, has a growth impairment. "He was only two at that time. Doctors told us about a treatment but it was risky. So I encouraged him to play sports hoping for normal growth. My other children — a daughter and a son — had normal growth," added Sunil.

All those apprehensions gave way to hope and hunger for success when Krishna started making an impression at the national and international level. "Once he started doing good, he came in contact with coach Gaurav Khanna and rest is history," said the father.

Krishna was obviously pleased with the magnitude of his achievement. "An Olympic or Paralympic medal is a huge thing. We had declared that we will win 5-6 medals and we have won 4. One or two performances were a little up and down but we will improve on that front in upcoming events," the 22-year-old said during an interaction organised by official broadcaster Eurosport and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).

India's para shuttlers ended the campaign with four medals, including two gold, one silver and one bronze.

India's Krishna Nagar in action against Hong Kong's Chu Man Kai during the men's singles SH6 final at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, on Sunday | AP

Silver lining for IAS Suhas

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

SIX days after India entered into lockdown in March last year due to the Covid pandemic, Suhas Yathiraj took charge as the district magistrate of Gautam Buddh Nagar in Noida. Despite being a frontline warrior, the Indian para badminton player tried to balance his work and sports life. Neatly dressed during the day as an administrator, the Karnataka-born man would have a racquet and shuttle in hand late at night to prepare for the Tokyo Paralympics.

"During this pandemic time, he was posted as DM there. There were a lot of Covid cases and deaths too. During that time, once he was done with the administration work, whenever he got time during the night post 10 pm, he would practice for two-three hours and also go to gym," said Suhas' brother Sharath Yathiraj.

Suhas, who has an impairment in one of his ankles, trained in Noida from last year but he stayed in touch with national coach Gaurav Khanna. They would be on calls every second day on the preparations for the Paralympics, and the coach would offer him vital inputs. The 38-year-old also paid good attention to fitness.

All this paid off on Sunday when he clinched silver in the men's singles SL4 class final after going down to top seed Lucas Mazur of France. "After Covid cases decreased and the Paralympics also came close, I sparred with some good players in Noida. It does not matter how much you train. What is really important is what you do during that training. Gold would have been better, but I am happy with the Paralympic silver also," said Suhas.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

ROLL OF HONOUR

A total of 17 Indian athletes ended up with medals at the Paralympics, which concluded at Tokyo on Sunday. Here is a look at them

GOLD MEDAL (5)

AVANI LEKHARA: SHOOTING | WOMEN'S 10M AIR RIFLE STANDING SH1
Became first Indian woman to win gold at the Paralympics. In 2012, she was involved in a car accident, which led to injuries in her spinal cord.

SUMIT ANTIL: ATHLETICS | MEN'S JAVELIN THROW F64
After suffering a bike accident in 2015, where a tractor ran over his left leg, he had to be amputated from below the knee. Sumit broke his own WR thrice in the event.

MANISH NARWAL: SHOOTING | MIXED 50M PISTOL SH1
Has has won more than 20 medals so far in his short career, which started in 2016. Narwal has an impairment in his right hand.

PRAMOD BHAGAT: BADMINTON | MEN'S SINGLES SL3
He did not allow his polio-aflicted left leg to hinder his goals, as his three worlds titles among others would suggest. Became the first Indian to win gold in badminton.

KRISHNA NAGAR: BADMINTON | MEN'S SINGLES SH6
From having been poked fun at school due to his dwarfism, the para shuttler has come a long way ever since taking up the sport in 2017, winning all around the world.

SILVER MEDAL (8)

BHAVINA PATEL: TABLE TENNIS | WOMEN'S SINGLES C4
She is the first table tennis player to clinch a medal at Paralympics for India. When she was around a year old, she was infected with poliomyelitis.

NISHAD KUMAR: ATHLETICS | MEN'S HIGH JUMP T47
When 8, he met with an accident and lost his right hand and had also tested Covid positive earlier. All those can be forgotten after his silver medal jump in Tokyo.

DEVENDRA JHAJHARIA: ATHLETICS | MEN'S JAVELIN THROW F46
Jhajharia, who has an amputated left hand, has represented the country in three Paralympics. In the process, he has won two gold and one silver.

PRAVEEN KUMAR: ATHLETICS | MEN'S HIGH JUMP T64
From not being able to compete against able-bodied athletes to learning about Paralympics via google, Kumar has come a long way. Won silver in Tokyo.

YOGESH KATHUNIYA: ATHLETICS | MEN'S DISCUS THROW F56
He was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare neurological disorder in 2006, but began to walk slowly. It was fighting quality which helped him win laurels in Tokyo.

MARIYAPPAN THANGAVELU: ATHLETICS | MEN'S HIGH JUMP T63
Had to isolate himself as he was in close contact with someone, who tested Covid positive, in his flight to Tokyo. But he went on to bag silver.

SINGHRAJ ADHANA: SHOOTING | MIXED 50M PISTOL SH1 SHOOTING
Built a shooting range at home to prepare. Started shooting as a 35-year-old, but showed his class in his debut Paralympics, winning silver and bronze.

SUHAS YATHIRAJ: BADMINTON | MEN'S SINGLES SL4
Was tough for him to maintain a balance between badminton and administrative work as he is a district magistrate of Noida too. He has an ankle impairment.

BRONZE MEDAL (6)

SHARAD KUMAR: ATHLETICS | MEN'S HIGH JUMP T63
Suffered paralysis in his leg as a two-year-old after a polio vaccine. Took up sport when he was seven. He was training in Ukraine from 2017 to prepare for the Paralympics.

SUNDAR SINGH GURJAR: ATHLETICS | MEN'S JAVELIN THROW F46
Was an able-bodied javelin thrower. But his world came crumbling down when he lost his left hand after a metal sheet fell on it.

HARVINDER SINGH: ARCHERY | MEN'S INDIVIDUAL RECURVE OPEN
In order to continue with his Tokyo preps, his farm was converted into a training range. Helped India win their first Paralympic medal in archery.

MANOJ SARKAR: BADMINTON | MEN'S SINGLES SL3
In school, Sarkar, who contracted polio when he was one, used to play against able bodied players. But, he started featuring as a para badminton player from 2011.

Singhraj Adhana*: Shooting – Men's 10m Air Pistol shooting SH1

Avani Lekhara*: Shooting – Women's 50m Rifle 3 positions SH1

*won two medals each in Tokyo Paralympics

Exciting Oval climax in store on placid surface

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

India's Shardul Thakur hit a breezy 60 to frustrate England on Day 4 | AFP

THE forecast is clear as an intriguing Day 5 awaits on Monday at The Oval with the fourth Test wonderfully poised on a pitch where all four results are possible. To put things in context, India have set a target of 368, nine more than England's highest-ever successful run chase. No team has chased more than 263 to win a Test at the Oval. However, this pitch still remains conducive for batting with no inconsistent bounce to worry about. The only threat is it is starting to take turn and much depends on how Ravindra Jadeja, the spinner, can make use of those rough marks.

While India would definitely believe they won't lose the Test from here, they would also be wary of the fact that should batsmen get their eye in, there are plenty of runs there for the taking. England were 77/0 and need another 291 runs for an improbable victory.

Since Day 3, bowlers have struggled to get wickets with the old ball with batsmen easily playing on the backfoot, putting full trust on the bounce. The target of 368 undoubtedly gives India an edge, and they once again had to thank the lower middle-order for bailing them out after the middle-order once again fell short on Sunday.

Resuming at 270-3 and a lead of 171 runs, another batting collapse from the middle-order would have opened the door for England to go 2-1 up in the five-match Test series with one to play. And as has been the case on the tour so far, the middle-order continued to give anxious moments with Jadeja and Ajinkya Rahane perishing with just 26 runs added to the overnight score, leaving captain Virat Kohli with Rishabh Pant and Shardul Thakur. While the former played a couple of authoritative cover-drives, his stay ended for 44 when Moeen Ali drew his outside edge before lunch, leaving the responsibility to Pant and Thakur to get them to a big total. The dominant display put up by Thakur, who scored his second fifty of the match, showed the middle-order had once again missed an opportunity to bat England out of the Test. With more than enough time remaining in the Test, India not just needed runs as they surely need enough time to dismiss England and the seventh-wicket partnership of 100 runs, did precisely that. Apart from taking the team to a safe total with Umesh Yadav and Jasprit Bumrah playing cameos, the lower-order ensured they got the runs quickly. While Thakur played a stroke-filled innings of 60 off 72 deliveries, Pant was patient enough to grind out 50.

Although India have failed to get a wicket off the new ball in the second innings, should they make some inroads with the old ball, they have the chance to bowl to England's lower order with the second new ball.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings 191; England 1st innings 290; India 2nd innings (overnight 270/3): Kohli c Overton b Ali 44, Jadeja lbw Woakes 17, Rahane lbw Woakes 0, Pant c&b Ali 50, Thakur c Overton b Root 60, Umesh c Ali b Overton 25, Bumrah c Ali b Woakes 24, Siraj (not out) 3; **Extras** (lb-7, nb-2): **9; Total (all out, 148.2 ovs): 466; FoW:** 4-296, 5-296, 6-312, 7-412, 8-414, 9-450; **Bowling:** Anderson 33-10-79-1, Robinson 32-7-105-2, Woakes 32-8-83-3, Overton 18.2-3-58-1, Ali 26-0-118-2, Root 7-1-16-1; **England 2nd innings:** Burns (batting) 31, Hameed (batting) 43. **Extras** (lb1, nb 2): **3, Total (for no loss, 32 ovs) 77. Bowling:** Umesh 6-2-13-0, Bumrah 7-3-11-0, Jadeja 13-4-28-0, Siraj 6-0-24-0.

Shastri Covid positive

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FEAR of Covid-19 is gripping the Indian team after head coach Ravi Shastri's lateral flow test returned positive on Saturday evening. Shastri and three of his close contacts including bowling coach Bharat Arun, fielding coach R Sridhar and physiotherapist Nitin Patel have been placed under isolation and are awaiting the result of their RT-PCR tests. The development is bound to cause concern in the team as most players at some stage or the other came in contact with the head coach as they shared the dressing room at The Oval.

It is understood that the BCCI's medical team is monitoring the developments and further tests are lined up for the entire team. If Shastri's RT-PCR is also Covid positive, they will not be able to travel to Manchester for the fifth and final Test starting on Friday.

"They have undergone RT-PCR testing and shall remain in the team hotel and not travel with Team India until confirmation from the medical team," the BCCI said in a statement.

In their absence, batting coach Vikram Rathour was in charge of the side, but there were a few concerned voices in the BCCI. Although none of them have breached any protocols and there are no restrictions at the moment in the UK, any more positive cases could potentially have a huge bearing on the remainder of the tour.

Since every person in the Indian contingent have taken both doses of the Covid vaccine, they have been allowed to dine out as per local health guidelines. This development is the last thing India and the BCCI will have wanted as players are supposed to enter the IPL bubble on September 15 for the tournament restarting four days later.

Rich medal haul signals new beginning

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WITH the biggest-ever contingent of 54 athletes across nine disciplines, India were expected to deliver their most memorable performance at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. The country's para athletes lived up to their expectations by bagging 19 medals, including five gold, which helped them to finish 24th in the overall tally.

Though there were issues with Paralympic Committee of India, the sports ministry ensured no athletes suffered. Deepa Malik, president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), said all factors combined together to help para athletes win laurels at the grandest of the stage. "I think all factors combined. Because unless you have the awareness, where will the new talent come in. 2016 probably, with the help of, media and the support of government and policies helped us create an atmosphere which was accepting of para-sports," she said.

The government, in fact, spent around ₹28 crores (ACTC and TOPS) since the 2016 Rio Paralympics to ensure the athletes get every facility to succeed. Almost all para athletes were included in the TOPS with a few medal contenders in the scheme since the beginning.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Babar feels Pak hold edge over India in Dubai

KARACHI: Pakistan captain Babar Azam is confident that familiarity of playing loads of matches in Dubai gives his team an advantage over India when they face off in their opening league game of the ICC World T20 on October 24.

Verstappen wins to take championship lead

ZANDVOORT (NETHERLANDS) Home favourite Max Verstappen snatched the world championship lead from Lewis Hamilton on Sunday as the Red Bull driver won the first Dutch GP since 1985. Hamilton took second spot with Valtteri Bottas third at Zandvoort.

St Lucia's Du Plessis slams first ton of CPL

ST KITTS & NEVIS: South African star Faf du Plessis struck the first century (120 not out) of the 2021 Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) to help St Lucia Kings end the unbeaten run of the St Kitts & Nevis Patriots with a 100-run win here on Sunday.

Djokovic one step closer, Barty ousted

AFP @ New York

Novak Djokovic | AFP

NOVAK Djokovic moved within four matches of completing the first men's singles calendar-year Grand Slam in 52 years on Saturday while top-ranked Ashleigh Barty was eliminated from the US Open by a stunning fightback from American Shelby Rogers.

World No 1 Djokovic defeated Kei Nishikori 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2, taking his 17th consecutive victory over the Japanese star. Reigning Wimbledon champion Barty lost to Rogers 2-6, 6-1, 6-7 (5). Meanwhile, Ukraine's fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina defeated Simona Halep 6-3, 6-3 to enter quarterfinals.

RESULTS (SELECT, 3RD RD)

Men: N Djokovic (SRB x1) bt K Nishikori (JPN) 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; M Berrettini (ITA x6) bt I Ivashka (BLR) 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; A Zverev (GER x4) bt J Sock (USA) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 2-1 retd. **Women:** S Rogers (USA) bt A Barty (AUS x1) 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (5), Karolina Plíšková (CZE x4) bt A Tomljanovic (AUS) 6-3, 6-2; M Sakkari (GRE x17) bt P Kvitova (CZE x10) 6-4, 6-3, B Andreescu (CAN x6) bt G Minnen (BEL) 6-1, 6-2.

France draw yet again, Dutch post big victory

AFP @ Paris

WORLD CUP holders France stuttered again in their bid to qualify for the 2022 finals in Qatar after a 1-1 draw in Ukraine, while Memphis Depay inspired the Netherlands to a rout of Montenegro on Saturday. France drew their fifth successive match as Anthony Martial scored his first international goal in five years to earn Didier Deschamps' side a point in Kiev.

Martial grabbed just his second goal in 29 caps to cancel out a magnificent first-half strike by Ukraine midfielder Mykola Shaparenko. *Les Bleus* remain four points clear at the top of Group D but have played two games more than Finland. Joel Pohjanpalo's second-half effort clinched Finland a 1-0 victory over Kazakhstan. Depay led the Netherlands to a 4-0 defeat of Montenegro in Eindhoven that kept Louis van Gaal's team right behind Group G leaders Turkey, who won 3-0 in Gibraltar.

Results: Serbia **4-1** Luxembourg; Ireland **1-1** Azerbaijan; Finland **1-0** Kazakhstan; Ukraine **1-1** France; Faroe Islands **0-1** Denmark; Israel **5-2** Austria; Scotland **1-0** Moldova; Latvia **0-2** Norway; Netherlands **4-0** Montenegro; Gibraltar **0-3** Turkey; Cyprus **0-2** Russia; Slovenia **1-0** Malta; Slovakia **0-1** Croatia.

Star shuttler Sindhu not part of Sudirman and Uber Cups

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

PV SINDHU did what PV Sindhu generally does during the Tokyo Olympics. She stamped her class to become the first woman from the country to return with two Olympic medals. It has been almost a month since that historic moment transpired and it looks like her followers will have to wait a bit longer to watch the Hyderabad shutter weave her magic with her racquet again. She was expected to be in action soon but the Badminton Association of India (BAI), on Sunday, said that the lanky shuttler won't be part of two assignments: Sudirman Cup and Thomas and Uber Cup.

Based on their performances during the selection trials that were conducted recently, the BAI announced the teams on Sunday. Sindhu has been omitted from both the squads. BAI said that the shuttler wanted to defer her return to get some rest after a demanding run during the Olympics. Sindhu played six matches, spending a total of 254 gruelling minutes to return with bronze during the Olympics.

Sindhu was not part of the aforementioned trials and was initially handed a direct entry for both the events. The other notable omission is Saina, albeit for Sudirman Cup which is due to be held from September 26 to October 3 in Vantaa (Finland). However, Saina is expected to be in action during the Thomas & Uber Cup, the second event which will be held from October 9 to 17 in Aarhus (Denmark). "Sindhu had requested us for a break. So we allowed her. She did very well at the Olympics and it would have been hectic. Saina also had a word with us. She said she will be ready for the Uber Cup. She said she had just started her training and would be ideal to start at the Uber Cup," Ajay Singhania, BAI general secretary, said.

THOMAS AND UBER CUP | OCTOBER 9 TO 17

Men: B Sai Praneeth, Kidambi Srikanth, Kiran George, Sameer Verma, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty, Dhruv Kapila, M R Arjun, Krishna Prasad Garaga, Vishnu Vardhan

Women: Saina Nehwal, Malvika Bansod, Aditi Bhatt, Tasnim Mir, Tanisha Crasto, Rutuparna Panda, Ashwini Ponnappa, N Sikki Reddy, Gayatri, Treesa Jolly.

SUDIRMAN CUP | SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 3

Men: Praneeth, Srikanth, Satwiksairaj, Chirag, Dhruv, Arjun

Women: Malvika, Tanisha, Aditi, Tanisha, Rutuparna, Ashwini, Sikki

The players are expected to assemble for a camp on September 12 and start training a day later. The venue is likely to be the Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad.

Syed Modi under cloud

Since the start of the pandemic, the BAI has been unable to conduct a domestic meet. As things stand, there's doubts in regards to the Syed Modi tournament, which is scheduled to be held from October 12 to 17. "There are talks that we could experience a third wave of Covid-19 pandemic in October-November. The players have not had proper training and not everyone can afford flight fares. So we'll have to consider everything before conducting a tournament," Singhania noted.

"In regards to Syed Modi, the local DM is yet to grant us permission. So, it is likely that the event will be postponed."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

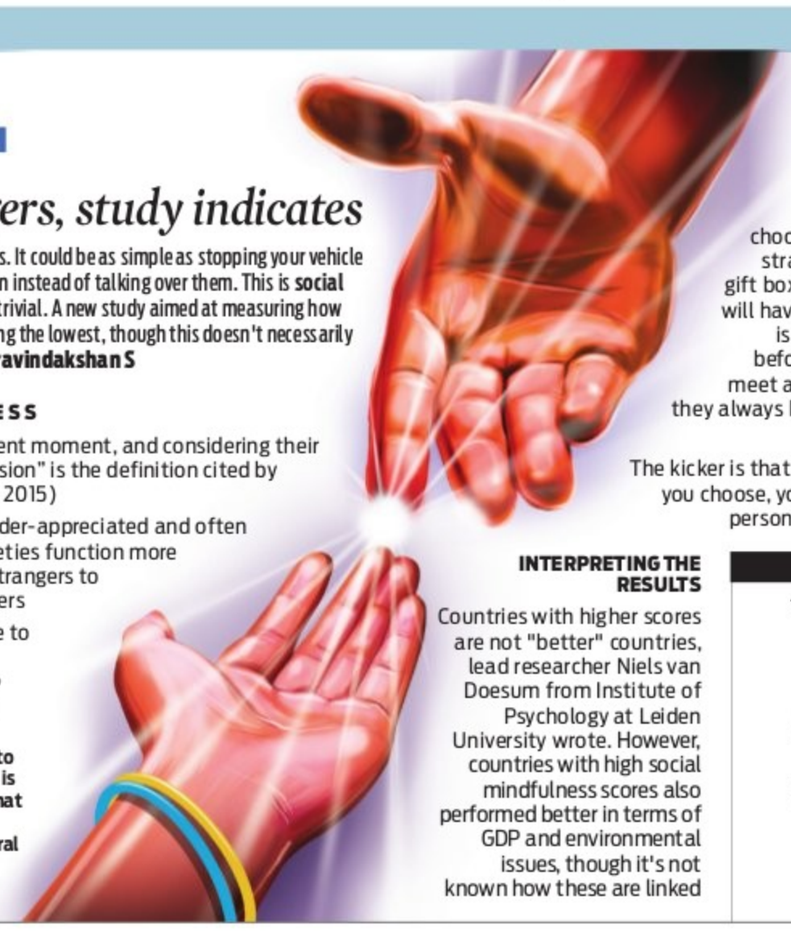
Google has announced the general availability of offline viewing for all file types in Google Drive on the web. The new feature allows access to PDFs, images, Microsoft Office documents and other non-Google files.

A team of researchers combed through the health records of 6.2 million patients and found no serious health effects that could be linked to the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA Covid-19 vaccines.

EXFILE • DATA

Indians aren't that kind to strangers, study indicates

Every day throws up opportunities for us to do small acts of kindness for strangers. It could be as simple as stopping your vehicle to let a pedestrian cross the road, or even letting someone talk in a conversation instead of talking over them. This is **social mindfulness**, where it's the thought that counts and actual outcomes can be trivial. A new study aimed at measuring how countries differ in this kind of low-cost cooperation finds that India ranked among the lowest, though this doesn't necessarily mean Indians are less helpful. We take a look. **By Aravindakshan S**



BEING NICE

Average scores on social mindfulness by individuals, grouped by country

Source: "Social mindfulness and prosociality vary across the globe" by Van Doesum et al, *PNAS*, August 2021

Japan	72
Austria	69.8
Mexico	68.9
Israel	68.8
Czechia	68.8
Switzerland	68.5
Netherlands	66.8
Singapore	65.8
Spain	65.6
Germany	65.2
Russia	65.1
UK	64.8
France	64.6
Australia	64.2
Sweden	63.6
Portugal	63.6
Chile	63.3
China (mainland)	62.4
Belgium	62
Poland	60.7
Romania	60.2
Argentina	58.8
US	58.5
Canada	57.4
S Korea	56.4
Greece	56.4
Hong Kong	55.3
S Africa	50.9
India	50.6
Turkey	47.1
Indonesia	46.2

8,354

people across the 31 countries took part in the study

Note: The countries here are picked because they are modern, industrialised and digitalised societies

DEFINING SOCIAL MINDFULNESS

"Being thoughtful of others in the present moment, and considering their needs and wishes before making a decision" is the definition cited by researchers (Van Lange & Van Doesum, 2015)

These common acts of empathy are under-appreciated and often unacknowledged in how they help societies function more smoothly, from generous gestures for strangers to thoughtful acts that help your co-workers

Social mindfulness generally costs little to nothing and has no monetary reward, researchers wrote in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS)

> **We don't attach a value judgement to the research results. The main thing is that there are differences. That's what we'd expected, but it hadn't been scientifically proven. There are several possible explanations for this**
> Van Doesum

RESEARCH DESIGN

The study measures the scores resulting from a task involving two people choosing objects, such as a pen, strawberry muffin, a packaged gift box and an umbrella. A person will have to imagine that the other is someone they haven't met before and will not deliberately meet again in the future, and that they always have the first choice among a scarcity of objects

The kicker is that depending on which object you choose, you control whether the next person gets to have a choice at all

INTERPRETING THE RESULTS

Countries with higher scores are not "better" countries, lead researcher Niels van Doesum from Institute of Psychology at Leiden University wrote. However, countries with high social mindfulness scores also performed better in terms of GDP and environmental issues, though it's not known how these are linked

PURPOSE OF RESEARCH

This will help us understand how different societies function, as our attitudes towards strangers could translate to issues such as immigration and diplomacy

In a highly-interdependant global economy with scarce natural resources, a better understanding of human cooperation could help in resolving conflicts

'Insufficient evidence on jabs for kids'

MEDICINE

LONDON: The UK's vaccine advisory body has declined to grant approval for inoculating healthy children aged 12-15 years citing lack of sufficient evidence, and has also ceded authority on the decision to the country's top medical officers, according to media reports.

The decision by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the independent vaccine advisory group, was based on a concern over an extremely rare side effect of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines which causes heart inflammation, and can lead to palpitations and chest pain, the BBC reported.

Data from the US, where millions of young teenagers have been vaccinated, suggests there are 60 cases of the heart condition for every million second doses given to 12 to 17-year-old boys (compared to eight in one million girls).

According to the JCVI, as children were at a low risk from the virus the jabs would offer only a marginal benefit and, therefore, there showed "insufficient" evidence to offer mass vaccination to this age group.

Although the vaccine advisers have been under huge pressure, they are "taking a precautionary approach", Prof Wei Shen Lim, chairman of Covid immunisation at JCVI was quoted as saying.

"The margin of benefit is considered too small to support universal Covid-19 vaccination for this age group at this time. The committee will continue to review safety data as they emerge," he added.

The JCVI also noted that the health benefits of jabs for younger teenagers when weighed against possible side-effects were not yet clear.

Israel mulls administering 4th vaccine dose

Country's coronavirus czar seeks booster shot that is adapted to fight new Covid strains; 2.5m Israelis have already been jabbed thrice

HEALTH

JERUSALEM: Israel is planning to start preparations to administer a fourth dose of the coronavirus vaccine, ignoring the World Health Organisation's (WHO) call for a moratorium on boosters to help shift Covid vaccine supply to countries with low-access, media reports said.

Israel has been among the first to accomplish administering two-shots to a majority of its citizens as well as to roll out a third booster dose.

On Saturday, the country's national coronavirus czar called for the country to begin making preparations to eventually administer fourth doses of the coronavirus vaccine, *The Times of Israel* reported.

"Given that the virus is here and will continue to be here, we also need to prepare for a fourth injection," the website quoted Salman Zarka as saying to Kan public radio.

According to Zarka, the next booster shot may be modified to better protect against new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19, such as the highly infectious Delta strain. "This is our life from now on, in waves," he said.

While Zarka did not specify when the fourth vaccine shot would eventually be administered to the people, he expects that the doses, adapted to cope better with variants, will be available by late this year or early 2022, the report said.

In an interview with *The Times of Israel*, last month, Zarka stated that vaccines against the infectious coronavirus should be made annual or biannual.

"It seems that if we learn the lessons from the fourth wave, we must consider the (possibility of subsequent) waves with the new variants, such as the new one from South America," he said.

"And thinking about this and the waning of the vaccines and the antibodies, it seems every few months — it could be once a year or five or six months — we'll need another shot," Zarka noted. Meanwhile, the Health Ministry last week announced that the "Green Pass" system — a document that allows entry into certain gatherings and public places for those who are vaccinated or have recovered from the coronavirus — will expire six months after the holder received their second or third dose, hinting that a fourth dose may be administered in six months time, the report said.

An Israeli classroom after schools reopened in the country recently | AFP

Israel has been offering booster jabs to people over the age of 60 since July, and data suggests the programme has prevented hospital admissions. The country has since expanded the inoculation drive to all aged above 12 and who have already had two doses.

As of Friday, more than 2.5 million people in the country had received a third dose, the report added.

Mars helicopter refuses to retire

SPACE

WASHINGTON: It was only supposed to fly five times. And yet NASA's helicopter on Mars, Ingenuity, has completed 12 flights and it isn't ready to retire.

Given its stunning and unexpected success, the US space agency has extended Ingenuity's mission indefinitely. The tiny helicopter has become the regular travel companion of the rover Perseverance, whose core mission is to seek signs of ancient life on Mars.

"Everything is working so well," said Josh Ravich, the head of Ingenuity's mechanical engineering team. "We're doing better on the surface than we had expected."

Hundreds of people contributed to the project, though only about a dozen currently retain day-to-day roles. Ravich joined the team five years ago.

"When I got the opportunity to come work on the helicopter project, I think I had the same reaction as anybody else: 'Is that even possible?'"

His initial doubts were understandable: The air on Mars has a density equivalent to only one percent that of Earth's atmosphere. By way of comparison, flying a helicopter on Mars would be like flying one in the thin air nearly 30 kilometers above Earth. Nor was it easy getting to Mars in the first place. Ingenuity had to withstand the initial shock of take-off from Earth, and then of the February 18 landing on the red planet following a seven-month voyage through space, strapped to the rover's belly.

Once in its new surroundings, the tiny (1.8 kilogram) copter has had to survive the glacial cold of Martian nights, drawing warmth from the solar panels that charge its batteries during the day. And its flights are guided using an array of sensors, since the 15-minute lag in communications from Earth makes real-time guidance impossible.

On April 19, Ingenuity carried out its maiden flight on Mars, making history as the first motorized craft to fly on another planet.

Sugar bait can defang mosquitoes: Study

HEALTH

LONDON: Sugar feeding prior to having an infected blood meal could protect a mosquito's ability to get infected and transmit arboviruses such as Zika, dengue and chikungunya, according to a new study.

The finding, published in the journal *PLOS Pathogens*, could lead to the development and application of vector control strategies such as sugar baits, aimed at reducing arbovirus transmission.

The research — led by the MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research — showed that the Aedes aegypti species of mosquito, an arbovirus vector, had enhanced immunity in the gut after feeding on sugar, which in turn protected females of the species against viral infection.

"This study is important because we've been able to show that sugar feeding by these mosquitos blocks an initial infection of an arbovirus and lowers infection prevalence and intensity, thereby decreasing the potential of female mosquitoes to transmit these viruses further," said Dr Emilie Pondeville, Molecular Entomologist at the MRC-University of Glasgow Centre for Virus Research.

"Overall, our findings uncover a crucial role of sugar feeding in mosquito antiviral immunity, which in turn decreases the potential for spread of these arboviruses, which pose a significant threat to people," Pondeville said.

Male and female adult mosquitoes feed on plant nectar and sap to obtain carbohydrates for their energy reserves. In addition to this, mosquito females require a blood meal to reproduce.

For this reason they can act as vectors of numerous pathogens, such as the arboviruses like Zika, dengue and chikungunya viruses, which constitute a substantial worldwide public health burden. However, the influence of sugar on mosquito immunity and their ability to transmit viruses has not been explored until now.

FLYING HIGH

The Blue Angels of the US Navy perform during The Great State of Maine Air Show in Brunswick, Maine on Saturday | AP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Green Status to track species

CONSERVATION

After decades of recording alarming declines in animals and plants, experts have taken a more proactive approach, with a new "Green Status" launched on Saturday, billed as the first global measurement for tracking species recovery. Its new Green Status will act as a companion to this survival watchlist, looking at the extent to which species are depleted or restored compared to their historical populations. The initiative aims "to measure species recoveries in a standardised way, which has never been done before", Green Status co-chair Molly Grace told a news conference. But it also looks to "incentivise conservation action", with evaluations of how well past preservation efforts have worked.

SpaceX's 1st all-civilian trip

SPACE

SpaceX, run by tech billionaire Elon Musk-run, is all set to launch to orbit its first all-civilian mission 'Inspiration4 on September 15. "#Inspiration4 and @SpaceX have completed our flight readiness review and remain on track for launch!" the Inspiration4 mission team said in a tweet. Early this year in February, SpaceX announced the charity-driven mission named Inspiration4, which will be commanded by tech entrepreneur Jared Isaacman and will have three others. They will orbit the planet aboard SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule every 90 minutes along a customised flight path. Upon conclusion of the three-day journey, Dragon will re-enter Earth's atmosphere for a soft water landing.

JOB EATERS

Covid crisis causes automation boom in US service sector

TECHNOLOGY

ASK for a roast beef sandwich at an Arby's drive-thru east of Los Angeles and you may be talking to Tori — an artificially intelligent voice assistant that will take your order and send it to the line cooks.

"It doesn't call sick," says Amir Siddiqi, whose family installed the AI voice at its Arby's franchise this year in Ontario, California. "It doesn't get corona. And the reliability of it is great." The pandemic didn't just threaten Americans' health when it slammed the U.S. in 2020 — it may also have posed a long-term threat to many of their jobs.

Faced with worker shortages and higher labor costs, companies are starting to automate service sector jobs that economists once considered safe, assuming that machines couldn't easily provide the human contact they believed customers would demand.

Past experience suggests that such automation waves eventually create more jobs than they destroy, but that they also disproportionately wipe out less skilled jobs that many low-income workers depend on. Resulting growing pains for the U.S. economy could be severe.

If not for the pandemic, Siddiqi probably wouldn't have bothered investing in new technology that could alienate existing employees and some customers. But it's gone smoothly, he says: "Basically, there's less people needed but those folks are now working in the kitchen and other areas."

Ideally, automation can redeploy workers into better and more interesting work, so long as they can get the appropriate technical training, says Johannes Moenius, an economist at the University of Redlands. But although that's happening now, it's not moving quickly enough, he says.

Worse, an entire class of service jobs created when manufacturing began to deploy more automation may now be at risk. "The robots escaped the manufacturing sector and went into the much larger service sector," he says. "I regarded contact jobs as safe. I was completely taken by surprise."

The consequences could fall most heavily on the less-educated women who disproportionately occupy the low- and mid-wage jobs most exposed to automation – and to viral infections. Those jobs include sales-clerks, administrative assistants, cashiers and aides in hospitals and those who take care of the sick and elderly.

AI faux pas deepens divide

TECHNOLOGY

Facebook has apologised for putting a "primates" label on a video of Black men, according to a report in *The New York Times*. The newspaper said the video was posted by a tabloid in June and showed Black men in altercations with white civilians and police officers. After the video ended, an automatic message popped up that said "keep seeing videos about Primates," according to the *Times*. Facebook turned off the artificial intelligence feature that showed the message, the *Times* said, and apologized for what it called "an unacceptable error" and told the newspaper that it would investigate further so that it doesn't happen again. Facebook on Saturday did not respond to a request for comment from *The Associated Press*.

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DAY'S DIARY

Princess Di's funeral

Princess Diana was laid to rest on this day in 1997 on an island in a lake in the grounds of her family seat at Althorp, Central England, home of the Spencer family

HOMAGE BY THE QUEEN

In an act of unprecendented homage by the head of state, Queen Elizabeth bowed her head for Diana as her cortege draped in royal standard passed the gates of Buckingham Palace

THE ACCIDENT

The tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales occurred on August 31, 1997 following a car accident in Paris. She underwent two hours of surgery before being declared dead

A MEMORIAL

A unique memorial to Diana was opened by The Queen in July 2004. The design aims to reflect Diana's life. The memorial also symbolises Diana's quality and openness

Wait for Yash's next project continues

PG 4

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹2,000 from Quikish, a ready-to-eat food brand**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. Saasam; 2. Byadagi Chilli; 3. The Konkan

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Nagavalli R
2) Dipali Taggarsi
3) Viraj Reddy

***Conditions apply**

SHOPPERS' PARADISE

The weekend saw some bustling activity at the Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar 2021, taking place at the Jayamahal Palace Hotel. From ceramic products, to traditional wear and craft items, the exhibition, which concludes on Tuesday, had something for everyone. | VINOD KUMAR T

ANILA KURIAN

WHIFF OF NOSTALGIA

Art historian Suresh Jayaram walks us through his new book which chronicles the changing scape of Lalbagh

FOR as long as he can remember, art historian and curator Suresh Jayaram has been walking through the lush green covers of Cubbon Park and Lalbagh. It's no surprise then that Jayaram's second book is based on one of the largest lung spaces in the city, Lalbagh, and its changing landscape. *Bangalore's Lalbagh: A Chronicle of the Garden and the City,* which hit the stands last week, brings along with it a touch of nostalgia, especially for old Bengalureans who have watched the city change.

"I was fortunate enough to grow up between two popular parks. Lalbagh and Cubbon Park. I've been looking at nature from a curious lens for as long as I can remember. It's an obsession," says Jayaram, whose first book was *GH Krumbiegel- Whatever he touched, he adorned.* It delved into German botanist Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel's legacy in the context of the Mysore State and his vision of urban ecology.

In his latest book, Jayaram not only documents his memories of Lalbagh, but also puts in place a historical perspective. "It's not just a dry narration. As a visual artist, my idea is to look at nature in an urban context," he says about the book that is published by the Visual Arts Collective Trust.

Hailing from a family of horticulturists, Jayaram viewed the book with the lens of 'finding one's identity in a growing Bengaluru'. Through the book, he goes down memory lane, recalling family picnics to Lalbagh, where he'd climb trees and have a jolly good time. "I have pictures taken at Lalbagh from over the years. It's so evident that almost everything has changed. For example, you can no longer have a picnic there because you can't take outside food in anymore," Jayaram says.

Reading the book is like walking through the breezy green space. Be it rocks that are centuries-old or the instillation of new statues, there's been a significant change in the landscape itself. "Lalbagh has a brilliant archive library which has documented the plants and its botanical significance. This greatly helped in the research of the book," he says.

Jayaram worries that Bengaluru is losing its 'Garden City' tag with the growing urbanisation. "Not many know that Kempegowda and Tipu Sultan had a major role in building the gardens in Bengaluru. The trees are depleting, being cut down and we're only thinking about adding more flyovers and metro lines — Bengaluru has gone beyond the Garden City now," he says.

We may no longer be able to cut grass and feed the deer at Lalbagh like Jayaram used to, but Lalbagh is still a space where people can come together and find solace. "There's always a group of women at Lalbagh who gather regularly and share their stories. If you're passing by, you'll hear people discussing politics, prices and the pandemic. It's a place which is a keeper of stories and secrets," he says.

(The book, priced at ₹1,000, can be purchased on Amazon)

A glimpse into Suresh Jayaram's book, *Bangalore's Lalbagh: A Chronicle of the Garden and the City*

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Suresh Jayaram, author and art historian

INSIDE

A FARM ON MY TABLE!

This 37-acre farm is where natural farming and sustainable living redefine clean eating while recreating forgotten traditions

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WHAT'S BREWING?

Stand-up comedian and actor **Danish Sait** recently posted a video featuring his conversation with Bollywood actor **Ranbir Kapoor.** The latter was all praise for the comedian and also mentioned a collaboration with Sait for a video soon. However, on Sunday, Sait posted an apology video for making the conversation between the two public and promised to take the video down. But knowing Sait to be a prankster, many are wondering if there's something more than meets the eye. While one group believes the duo is 'cooking up' an entertainment show, others feel it is a launchpad for Kapoor on Twitter. What do you think?

As he prepares for the upcoming Ironman 70.3 in Turkey, this 'Type 2 Diabetic Triathlete' gives *CE* an account of the rigorous training schedule

On your marks

SANATH PRASAD

WAKE up, lace up, show up. That's 30-year-old **Aditya Mendonca**'s mantra as he prepares to compete at the Ironman 70.3 in Turkey, next month. What makes this marketing professional slightly different from other participating athletes is his health condition, Type 2 diabetes, despite which the Bengalurean is pushing himself to reach the finish line. Calling himself a 'Type 2 Diabetic Triathlete', Mendonca will be taking part in the race which includes a 1.9-km swim, 90-km bike ride and a 21-km run. "I start my day at 4:30 am and train till 8:30 am. I get down to work after training and wind up by 4pm, after which I train for another two hours," says Mendonca, who is training with coach Vinay Basavaraj, a triathlete coach.

Diagnosed with diabetes at the age of 19, Mendonca remains undeterred about his health challenge. If medicines are one way to cure the condition, sports is another. Choosing the latter is Mendonca, who is very open about his condition. "It's alright if you are diagnosed with diabetes. I started off with my triathlon journey only in 2017 and within three months of training, I got the opportunity to participate in an open-water swimming race at Thonnur near Mandya where I managed to finish 10th," says Mendonca, who started a bicycle movement in 2013 called South Fire Cycle Nights to encourage more people to take up the sport.

"As a Type 2 Diabetic Triathlete, I know the challenges involved in training. But sports can change the way we live our daily lives. I have understood my body and figured out how to get the most out of my training with stable blood sugar levels," says Mendonca, who has previously participated in the Goa triathlon, Herculean Triathlon in Odisha, and the BMF Triathlon in Bengaluru.

While his sugar levels are under check thanks to the rigorous exercise schedule, Mendonca continues to be on medication. "However, I don't take any medicines during the course of my training. As I push my body with endurance sports, swimming, cycling, and running, it is fascinating to see my blood sugar levels drop during a race. I refuel with a sports drink or a healthy snack. But I believe that training for a triathlon has helped me bring diabetes under control to a great extent," adds Mendonca.

WHAT IS IRONMAN 70.3?

Ironman 70.3, otherwise known as Half Ironman, is a long-distance triathlon race organised by the World Triathlon Corporation. The 70.3 refers to the total distance in miles covered in the race, consisting of a 1.9-km swim, a 90-km bike ride, and a 20-km run.

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Aditya Mendonca, marketing professional

GROOMING TIPS

Conducted by fashion and fitness expert Naved Qureshi, 'Master styling and growing for men in 30 days' will help one look his best. Learn the tips and tricks of maintaining and grooming your looks.
When: Ongoing
Details: insider.in

POOCH PAINTING

If you are a pet lover, 'Paint your Pet' is an online event where you will learn the fundamentals of creating a pet portrait from a photo of your pet, virtually from home.
When: Sept 14
Details: allevents.in

BREAK IT DOWN

"Hip-hop Choreography Workshop with Sagar Bora", is being organised by School of Shuffle. In this masterclass, you'll learn about hip-hop dance, and watch an exclusive choreography by Bora. **When:** Sept 18 **Details:** insider.in

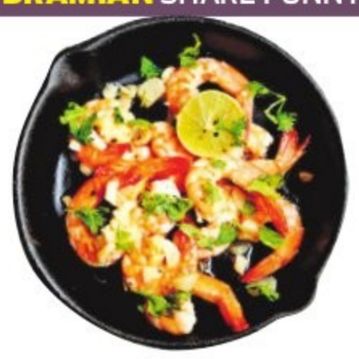
MELA TIME

The Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar is an effort to provide relief and revive the lost livelihoods of craftspeople across India. It'll be held at Jayamahal Palace Hotel.
When: Till Sept 7
Details: 98997 07629

CATCH COMEDIAN KRISHNA SUBRAMIAN SHARE FUNNY STORIES AT THE GREY HOUSE CAFE, HSR. WHEN: SEPT 7 DETAILS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Vineyard Tour

Big Banyan Vineyard, located in Tavarakere, lets visitors walk through the vineyards, taste wines and learn about the brand. The tour package starts from ₹332.
When: Till Sept 30
Details: bookmyshow.com



Delicious trail

The Indo-Chinese sit-down buffet has an array of choices for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians at Sultans of Spice in Koramangala. Some items include Prawn Butter Garlic, Kadai Paneer and Mutton Rogan Josh.
When: Till Sept 30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Dancing Queens

Titled 'Prakriti', belly dance artistes and musicians will perform at the virtual show. Tickets are sold to raise funds for the environment.
When: Sept 12
Details: insider.in

All about veganism

'Vegan for Beginners' by Nola Ro is an online workshop where you will be introduced to what eating vegan is like and where you will get to learn to cook vegan dishes.
When: Sept 19
Details: eventbrite.com

Clay work

If you are interested in pottery, register yourself for a workshop. Trying your hand at pottery will not only help you build a skill during these difficult times, but will also have a therapeutic effect on you.
When: Sept 7 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

PULI (TAMARIND) PONGAL

INGREDIENTS

- **Broken raw rice:** 1 big cup (250 g)
- **Tamarind:** lemon size ball (30 g)
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Chana dal:** 1 tbsp
- **Urad dal:** 1 tbsp
- **Peanut:** 2 tbsp ■ **Red chilli:** 5
- **Turmeric powder:** ½ tsp
- **Asafoetida:** 1 tsp
- **Cooking oil:** 4 tbsp
- **Curry leaves** ■ **Salt to taste**

METHOD

■ Soak tamarind in water for 10 minutes. Strain and take out the tamarind extract liquid and keep it aside. ■ Wash the broken rice in water, transfer it to the cooking vessel. ■ Heat oil in a kadai and splutter mustard seeds. ■ Add chana dal, urad dal, peanuts, red chillies, curry leaves and asafoetida for tempering. ■ Add 2 to 3 cups of water, the tamarind extract liquid, turmeric powder and salt to the cooking vessel containing the washed broken rice. ■ Transfer the contents of the kadai to the cooking vessel. Stir the soaked rice and contents and pressure cook it till four whistles. ■ Take out the cooking vessel from the pressure cooker and transfer the Puli (Tamarind) Pongal to the bowl. ■ Sprinkle curry leaves on the pongal, and serve with banana or potato chips.
— Bala Krithivasan, Chennai

FIT BIT

LOTUS MUDRA

(GESTURE OF PURITY)

Lotus Mudra is the mudra of abundance. It is symbolic of the opening the lotus. It is often used to connect to the Anahata (heart) Chakra as a way of symbolising the subtle energy of this place, which is linked to love, kindness, the element of air, the intention of truth and the aspect of being 'untouched' or 'unaffected' by surrounding darkness or impurity. To adopt the practice of ahimsa (kindness and un-harming), this can serve as a visual focus point. It is also called as Pankaj Mudra.

STEPS

- Sit on your mat cross legged or in any convenient sitting position.
- Do not sit directly on the ground because it is believed that if you do so, then there may be many radiations and negative influences can impact your mudra.
- Take some deep breaths and ease yourself.
- Make sure that your entire body is at rest.
- You can choose to keep your eyes closed or open. Keeping your eyes closed will help you concentrate better.
- Bring the base of your palms together near your heart centre.
- Touch only your thumbs and your pinky fingers together.
- Spread the rest of your fingers widely, just like a lotus.
- Make sure that each finger should be wide apart without touching each other.
- At this point, you must close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Take at least 5-7 deep breaths.

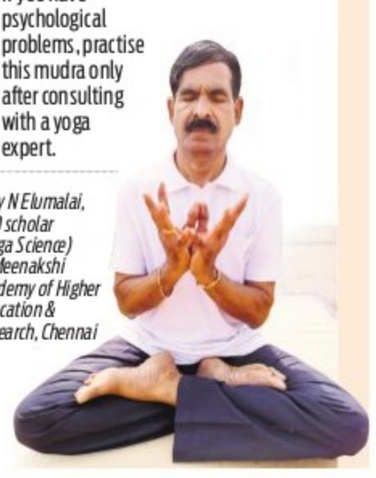
BENEFITS

- Keeps the mind calm and pure.
- Regular practice cools the body.
- The beauty of your face is enhanced by doing this Mudra.
- Develops emotions like love, compassion, kindness and affection towards others.
- This mudra reminds you of your inner beauty.
- Helps to encourage perseverance in humans.
- Removes negative feelings like hatred, anger, misunderstanding.
- Relaxes and stabilises the mind.
- Also helps to treat ulcers and fever.

LIMITATIONS

- All mudras are beneficial to us without any side-effects. Pressure should not be applied on the fingers. Pressure means your mind is restless and not stable.
- If you have psychological problems, practise this mudra only after consulting with a yoga expert.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

THE MOTH

Since its launch in 1997, The Moth has presented thousands of true stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast features many favorite stories told live on Moth stage.
- On Google Podcast

A SHOW ABOUT CRYPTO

Comedian Rohan Joshi sits down with an expert to explain, in the simplest of ways, what cryptocurrency is and how it all works. Each week, he embarks on a mission to understand for himself what the different aspects of cryptocurrencies are and how they all come together.
- On Google Podcast

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Stories of love, life, relationships and more. Spotify Studios presents Life Is Beautiful – a podcast that will give you hope and restore your faith in life, with short stories from across the country.
- On Spotify

DARKNET DIARIES

Explore true stories of the dark side of the Internet with host Jack Rhysider as he takes you on a journey through the chilling world of hacking, data breaches, and cyber crime.
- On Apple Podcasts

MAED IN INDIA

India's first indie music podcast showcases the best Indian independent musicians from India and abroad. Each episode presents an interview with an artiste/band along with an exclusive stripped down session or acoustic renditions of their original music.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RANGITARANGA

Gautam, a novelist, and his wife, Indhu, visit her ancestral house after she experiences repetitive nightmares. Subsequently, some unnatural occurrences unfold a mystery about Gautam's forgotten past.
- Cast: Avantika Shetty, Nirup Bhandari

BHARAATE

Jagan, a local travel guide, falls in love with Radha, a tourist who visits his city. Though she leaves without saying goodbye, fate conspires to bringing them together again.
- Cast: Sri Murali, Rachita Ram

UGRAMM

When Agastya visits Mughor, he witnesses girls being raped in front of the villagers. He fights against the thugs to stop this but becomes a target of the local mafia.
- Cast: Sri Murali, Haripriya

DODDAMANE HUDUGA

Surya, a boy belonging to a big family in the town, moves out of the house when ignored by his father, Rajivappa. However, after a few years, he comes back to rescue his land from a local criminal.
- Cast: Puneet Rajkumar, Ambareesh

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A FUTURE WITH FEWER CARS BY FREEMAN H SHEN

What if your automobile could drive you to your destination and then find parking for you? Freeman explains how he envisions a future in which AI-powered electric vehicles would alleviate many of the issues that cars presently create, such as smog, traffic and accidents.

2 CAN YOU SOLVE THE GIANT SPIDER RIDDLE? BY DAN FINKEL

The world's best spiders assemble once every century to engage in a series of rigorous sports. The winner will be the new arachnomonarch, with the power to command all of the world's spiders. Today is that day. Is it possible for you to take up the mantle of spider supremacy? Dan Finkel demonstrates how.

3 WHAT IS MSG, AND IS IT ACTUALLY BAD FOR YOU? SARAH E TRACY

In 1968, after becoming unwell after eating at a Chinese restaurant, Dr Robert Ho Man Kwok sent a letter to a medical magazine linking his symptoms to MSG. For the following 40 years, his letter would transform the world's relationship with MSG. Sarah E Tracy looks into it.

4 THE FINGERPRINTS OF LIFE BEYOND DEATH BY CLARA SOUSA-SILVA

Is it possible to live on Venus? Clara Sousa-Silva, a quantum astrochemist, argues for a novel approach to finding and potentially discovering habitable planets and presents her findings on a toxic, odorous chemical that might signify life beyond Earth.

5 THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS RESHAPING THE WORLD BY JOTA SAMPER

Thousands of informal neighbourhoods throughout the world are home to innovative, sustainable solutions. Jota Samper, an urban designer, argues that these often-overlooked communities (also known as slums) could be viewed as innovation and sharing centres.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

IKKAT (Kannada)

A man and his wife are on the verge of getting a divorce, until they are forced to spend time together thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Cast: Nagabhushan, Manjunath Bhat, Naveen Chethana
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

NERKONDA PAARVAI (Tamil)

When Meera refuses Adhik's advances, he attempts to defame her. Adhik files an FIR against Meera and her friends terming them as sex workers. It is now upon defence lawyer Bharath to fight for the girls' honour.
Cast: Ajith Kumar, Shraddha Srinath, Abhirami and Rangaraj Pandey
- Watch on: Zee5

UPPENA (Kannada)

Fisherman Aasirvadham falls in love with Sangeetha, the village head's daughter. However, complications arise when caste differences and ego issues take the lead.
- Cast: Krithi Shetty, Vaishnav Tej, Vijay Sethupathi
- Watch on: Netflix

NAANDHI (Telugu)

The plot follows the life of Surya Prakash, an undertrial prisoner who is falsely accused of murder, awaiting judgement.
Cast: Allari Naresh, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Priyadarshi
- Watch on: Aha

KAADAN (Tamil)

When a wealthy real estate company, backed by a powerful minister decides to build a township in a reserve forest area, it cuts off access to the water body to the elephants living in the area, endangering their lives. One man, however, decides to fight for their cause at a time when nobody else would.
Cast: Rana Daggubati, Vishnu Vishal, Zoya Hussain, Shriya Pilgaonkar
- Watch on: Zee5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VAKEEL SAAB (Telugu)

Three girls find themselves accused of attempt to murder after escaping molestation. Their only hope is an alcoholic lawyer who agrees to take up the case.
Cast: Pawan Kalyan, Shruti Haasan, Nivetha Thomas, Anjali, Ananya Nagalla
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

TRANCE (Malayalam)

A disheartened motivational speaker gets hired by a corporate to become a preacher until his live stint on television puts him and his service under the scanner.
Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Nazriya Nazim
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ENGLISH

BLACK WIDOW

Natasha Romanoff aka Black Widow confronts the darker parts of her ledger when a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past arises. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Natasha must deal with her history as a spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.
Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Florence Pugh, Rachel Weisz
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

HE'S ALL THAT

An influencer specialising in makeovers bets she can transform an unpopular classmate into a prom king in this remake of the teen classic, 'She's All That'.
Cast: Addison Rae, Rachel Leigh Cook, Madison Pettis
- Watch on: Netflix

JUNGLE CRUISE

Dr Lily Houghton travels from London, England, to the Amazon jungle and enlists Frank Wolff's questionable services to guide her downriver on La Quila—his ramshackle-but-charming boat. Lily is determined to uncover an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities—possessing the power to change the future of medicine.
Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Emily Blunt, Edgar Ramirez
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

THE SUICIDE SQUAD

The prison where worst super-villains are kept and where they will do anything to get out — even join the super-secret, super-shady Task Force X. Today's do-or-die assignment? Assemble a collection of cons, including Bloodsport, Peacemaker, Captain Boomerang, Ratcatcher 2, Savant, King Shark, Blackguard, Javelin and everyone's favourite psycho, Harley Quinn.
Cast: Margot Robbie, Will Smith, Idris Elba
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee5: ₹ 499 per year

Remembering a legend

On the death anniversary of famed Kathak dancer Dr Maya Rao, students from across the globe came together, virtually, to share memories of the danseuse

EXPRESS FEATURES

THINK Kathak, think Dr Maya Rao. On September 1, the seventh death anniversary of the Kathak exponent, her daughter and dancer Madhu Nataraj put together an e-tribute in the form of videos, all of which were compiled by Rao's students. This also included some of Rao's choreography. "Students from various batches, including her first one in 1964, were part of the tribute, sharing stories and memories they have with Ma," says Nataraj, director of Natya Institute in Bengaluru.

Dr Maya Rao

Maya Rao during her younger days

Dr Rao carved herself a niche in the world of dance, and was a pioneer in Kathak choreography. In fact, she is credited for having brought Kathak to South India. She opened her dance school, Natya Institute of Kathak and Choreography in Malleswaram in 1987, where she trained several batches of students, many of whom have gone on to make it big in the dance world.

With several photos, videos and anecdotes of Rao over the years, students from across continents spoke about her persona, grace and generosity. "It was overwhelming to hear from them and see how many lives Ma has touched over the years. Some of her students from 40 years ago remembered her and shared how she transformed their lives. My mother made a complete artiste out of them," Nataraj says. In an Instagram live, Nataraj also shared the life story of her mother in a segment known as 'Remembering Maya Didi', which was co-hosted by dance icon Dr Anita Ratnam. "Ma's dance and her teaching is my whole memory. I had the closest relationship with her. It was amazing to learn through her and her fellow artistes. I take pride in observing how she used to deal with various situations, and how she conducted herself. Through these videos, there weren't any new discoveries, but it was wonderful to hear about her generosity and artistic brilliance," says Nataraj.

In one of the Instagram photos, Nataraj shared a picture of her standing next to Rao's chair, which she captioned: "I am standing next to "Her Chair" which I got custom made 12 years ago and she loved it. Only she can sit on it. (sic)" On the occasion, the chair was wrapped in Rao's favourite yakshagana saree which was gifted to her by the Keremane Shivananda Hegde family, three generations of Yakshagana artiste who studied at Natya. "There are many gurus who are respected but not loved. Fortunately, Ma was both loved and well-respected," she says.

Madhu Nataraj

> *It was overwhelming to hear and see how many lives Ma [Dr Maya Rao] touched over the years. Some of her students from 40 years ago remembered her and shared how she transformed their lives. My mother made a complete artiste out of them* – Madhu Nataraj, dancer

A FARM ON MY TABLE!

This 37-acre farm is where natural farming and sustainable living redefine clean eating while recreating forgotten traditions

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The author is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

WOOD fire, freshly-plucked vegetables and fruits, native meats and eggs, solar roof panels, a harvest-driven menu and culinary folktales shared around a chef's table are hallmarks at Farmlore, which recently opened on the edge of Bengaluru city. Designed by Prateek Sabharwal of Creatomy, this idyllic 18-seater restaurant sits within a 37-acre farmland, lush with trees sprouting chickoo, mango, coconut, banana, brinjal, radish, carrot and leafy greens.

Beyond the imposing wooden entrance door, the contemporary and Instagram-friendly restaurant interiors blend seamlessly with the farm environment. Colourful artwork by Philippines artist Albert John Mallari takes centre stage, drawing inspiration from Karnataka's produce and traditions, while fusing the state regions in a kaleidoscopic collage. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows visually bring the outdoors inside, olive green chairs match the foliage outside and striking white quartz stone table tops form a perfect backdrop to accentuate the food and tableware by Cutipol and Worktree.

It has taken a few years of patience, perseverance and food experimentation for Farmlore founder, Kaushik Raju, and co-founder and chef-patron, Johnson Ebenezer, to see their locavore philosophies spring to life, which melds modern techniques with forgotten traditions. Head chef Mythrayie Iyer and junior sous chef Avinnash Vishaal form the core group of four who ideate, research, forage, cook, ferment and serve a farm-dictated meal five days a week at lunch and dinner.

There is no fixed menu and there are no dish names. But, there are ingredients that the chefs creatively adapt to whip up a visual and flavourful feast which forms part of the five-course and 10-course dining ritual. It'll include jackfruit, jamun, quail, gongura, Mangalore prawns, corn, coriander bolts, Bannur lamb, moringa, ragi, Hallikar cow milk, duck, Kollam rice, huli soppu, Malabar oysters, Giriraja eggs, Teja chillies, joni bella, Mandya butter, Coorg chocolate and sanikatta salt. The menu keeps changing around seasonality, and a few recipes are named and retained if they become crowd favourites.

The food cooks in wood-fired ovens and pits with the fire generated from pruned mango woods. This supports the sustainability quotient and adds rich character to all the recipes. Hydroponic tents house the daily produce using traditional farming methods, and solar panels supply the power source to reduce the carbon footprint. Waste management, energy conservation and eco-friendly practices add to the philosophy at Farmlore.

While the table arrangements in the restaurant exude an intimate setting, our favourite seats in the house are around The Pass, a chef's table for six, from where you can see the kitchen team up close as they unfold locavore tales around each delicious dish.

GETTING THERE

Farmlore, Survey No.67, Sathanur Village, Bagalur Post, Bengaluru

Open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner

₹3,000 for a five-course tasting menu available for weekday lunch & ₹5,000 for a ten-course tasting menu

By reservations only

www.farmlore.in

Iki Island– An Insight into Jin Sakai's life

ARE YOU GAME? Anusha Ganapathi

@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

The word 'update' is repeated so frequently in videogames that it has lost all meaning. A new buyable skin in a random FPS game is an update. A necessary bug fix is an update. Even an announcement about a teaser, for a game that will release five years later, is an update. Most of the process of figuring out which game to review every week requires me sifting through the less important news on the 'update' scale. Fortunately, this time, the release of 'Ghost of Tsushima's Director's Cut' made this easy.

My time exploring the daunting combat in Legends seems to have helped me a lot because the story missions seemed quite friendly this time. This suited me well, as the aim of the Iki island expansion was to focus on the story, which provides an insight into Jin Sakai's past. In the missions, we frequently encounter bursts of Jin's past, as he stood side-by-side with his father, fighting bandits in Iki. We are re-acquainted with Jin's childhood guilt due to his helplessness, as Kazamusa fell to the ploy of the bandits.

We find Jin ally himself with the same enemies that caused so much hurt in his past. He overcomes his inner turmoil through the acceptance that the greatest danger to his country was the Mongols. With Khotun Khan long gone, the new main villain introduced seems just as dangerous — a mysterious woman nicknamed 'The Eagle'. Eagle prides herself through her psychological tricks and we watch Jin struggle to prevent his hallucinations from taking over his moral compass.

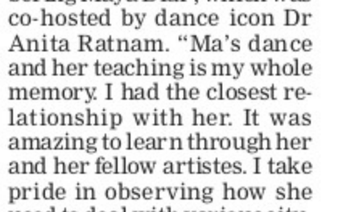
Aside the main story, the game provides even more spectacular scenery in Iki island. We can now pet new animals including monkeys, cats, and deer. Kaze, the horse, learnt a few new tricks too! It almost makes up for the lack of a fishing mini-game.

Ever since this iconic PlayStation exclusive released last year, I have taken every in-game improvement as an opportunity to re-review it. The tale of Jin Sakai and his struggle against the Mongol forces in Tsushima is a story that is worth not just being re-told, but re-experienced first-hand, ever so often. The Iki island expansion takes rank ichi in my rating scale.

CITY READ

Lifestyle exhibition to be held between Sept 7 and 9

Fashion, lifestyle and luxury exhibitions company Hi Life is organising a fashion expo at The Lalit Ashok, Kumara Krupa Road, on September 7, 8 and 9. The exhibition will feature the latest trends in luxury fashion, with exhibitors from across India participating in the three-day show. On display will be a wide range of designer wear, bridal designs, apparels, jewellery, accessories, and home decor items, among others.



PAIRED WITH PANACHE Anuja Pandey

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

SET IN STYLE

STYLING your hair can give you a complete makeover. Hair styling is also a reflection of your mood and persona. A well-coiffed style can do wonders to enhance an individual's beauty and confidence.

Hassle and damage-free hair styling

Styling requires heat, chemical-laden sprays and tools that sometimes damage your hair. But with the advent of technology, there are hair styling tools that have intelligent heat control, thus saving your hair from getting damaged, while giving a super voluminous, trendy and unique appearance. Sandra Lup, lead design engineer, personal care, Dyson, says, "Studies have shown that damage from overheating comes from using hair dryers or stylers over an excessive period of time or at very high temperatures. When hair is exposed to extreme temperatures, its protein structure can change irreversibly. These changes cause the hair to become weaker and less elastic, which increases the likelihood of broken strands and split ends. Damaged hair doesn't just become weak; it loses its natural shine, causing the cuticles to become rough. When light hits these areas, it scatters in all directions instead of reflecting straight back in a single direction, causing a dull look."

Worried about the damage, many don't style their hair. Lup further adds, "It's a keen understanding of hair and knowing how to manage it that led us to finding new technology that deliver better ways to style hair."

LOOKS FOR THE SEASON

BANGS & FRINGES

Grow out fringes and unruly bangs are a summer reality for many. Here are a few cues and tips for styling from Amy Johnson, global lead stylist, Dyson.

Always blow dry the fringe after washing: Leaving it to dry naturally can cause annoying kinks or misdirected hair strands, resulting in a fringe that just won't sit right.

"While blow drying, try lifting the roots up with a brush until the hair is almost dry. Then blast air downwards on the fringe to soften the shape. This will give volume and help the fringe sit more naturally," says Johnson.

To add shape to sweeping bangs, the fringe needs to be styled away from the face.

SOFT, AIRY BLOW OUT

Start with freshly-washed hair. Towel dry it.

Always use your preferred styling products, such as a smoothening cream, hair oil or leave in a conditioner before blow drying it.

Finish with a hold spray that is light and doesn't weigh the hair down. "Lift the hair upwards, away from the head using a flat or round brush, and hold the hair up until dry to create volume and lift. Next, dry the mid-lengths and ends, positioning the smoothing nozzle down the hair section. This will help align the cuticles in the hair, giving it a smooth, natural finish," suggests Johnson.

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WAIT FOR YASH'S NEXT AFTER *KGF* CONTINUES

A source in the know refutes claims about Yash collaborating with any top production banner

A SHARADHAA

YASH, who broke into the pan-Indian market with the hugely successful *KGF* franchise, has been tight-lipped about his next film. Rumour mills have been working overtime about the next move of Yash, who is currently awaiting the release of the much-expected *KGF Chapter 2*.

With every passing day, a new rumour about Yash signing a project with production houses from all parts of the country are spun up. We recently saw the Rocking Star's name be connected with top production banners from Kannada, Tamil and Hindi cinema. Putting to rest all the rumours, a source close the actor, says, "Yash, who is certainly looking to appeal to the pan-India audiences with his next film is very calculative about taking up the right project. However, he is currently training all his focus on the release of *KGF Chapter 2*."

Meanwhile, fans and Sandalwood continue to be curious about Yash's next move, even as there are reports that it might be a film with *Mufti* filmmaker Narthan.

Yash

BALU NAGENDRA ROPED IN FOR *HEAD BUSH*

The *Huliraya* hero will be playing a prominent role in the pan-India gangster drama starring Dhananjay in the lead

CE FEATURES

Balu Nagendra, who came to the limelight with his critically acclaimed films *Kapata Nataka Paatradhaari* and *Huliraya*, is getting his next big break. The actor has been roped in to play a prominent role in Dhananjay's upcoming gangster film *Head Bush*.

The shooting of the gangster drama, directed by Shoonya, is currently going on, and Balu Nagendra is said to have joined the sets. The film features Dhananjay as MP Jayaraj, Bengaluru's first underworld don.

This multilingual film also stars Payal Rajput, Yogi, and Vasishta Simha. The film is produced by Dhananjay under his banner Daali Productions in association with Somanna Talkies. The film has an interesting crew with Agni Sridhar writing the story and dialogues. On the other hand, Charan Raj is composing the music for the film, and Sunoj Velayudhan is handling the camera. *Head Bush*, a pan-India gangster film, is set in the late 60s and 70s and will be out in 2 part series.

Sruthi Hariharan joins *Head Bush*

Sruthi Hariharan, who had taken a break from acting in Kannada cinema, is set to make a comeback with the Dhananjay-starrer *Head Bush*. The Nathicharami heroine was on a sabbatical to concentrate on her personal life. Confirming her entry into the project, the production house said that she will play a pivotal role. The actor's last release in Kannada was *Aadya*. She was also part of the Tamil webseries, *Vadham*. *Head Bush* will be Sruthi's first multilingual film.

Sruthi Hariharan

Angelina Jolie with Brad Pitt

'It was hard for me when Brad Pitt worked with Harvey Weinstein'

Jolie revealed that she was offered to star in Martin Scorsese's *The Aviator* but declined it as Weinstein was involved in the project

CE FEATURES

Angelina Jolie has revealed she had a fight with her former husband Brad Pitt for working with convicted sex offender, and movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. In a recent interview with The Guardian in support of her new book, Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth., Jolie opened up about her life and experiences. When asked about her experience of being disrespected in Hollywood, she said, "Well, no surprise, Harvey Weinstein. I worked with him (*Playing By Heart*, 1988) when I was young."

Jolie revealed that she was offered to star in the Martin Scorsese directorial *The Aviator* but declined it as Weinstein was involved in the project. "I never associated or worked with him again. It was hard for me when Brad did," she said.

Jolie shared she fought with Pitt when he approached Weinstein to produce his film, Killing Them Softly, which The Weinstein Company eventually ended up distributing.

In 2017, Weinstein was accused by numerous women of sexual abuse and misconduct.

IT FEELS LIKE I AM MAKING MY DEBUT AGAIN WITH *LANKE*: KRISHI THAPANDA

CE FEATURES

Lanke, directed by Ram-Prasad, is the first commercial entertainer to hit theatres post-second-wave lockdown. And actor Krishi Thapanda, who was last seen in *Kannadakaagi Ondannu Otti*, feels excited to see herself back on the silver screen after a long time. "Unfortunately, I didn't have a release for almost two and a half years due to Corona lockdown and other reasons. It feels more or less like my debut again with *Lanke*," says Krishi.

The film is releasing on September 10 on the occasion of Ganesha, and that makes it an even more special film for Krishi. "With the third wave looming around the corner, it is a scary time for all of us. The *Lanke* team was skeptical whether or not to release the film during this time and with 50 percent occupancy. But we had finished shooting *Lanke* in February 2019, and it has been a long wait. With things gradually settling right now, we decided it is best to start with our film. It will give hope to other filmmakers to opt for theatre releases. Similarly, it is time for the audience to step out and have some entertainment... with all precautionary measures."

According to Krishi, *Lanke* is a proper commercial film with elements of love, hatred, blood, laughs, sentiment, and family drama. "*Lanke* film is set in two different eras. One is set in the 70s and 80s and the other is in the present. The climax connects these two episodes. The title *Lanke* reminds us of Ramayana, Rama, Sita, and Ravana. Every human being connects to these characters even today. Everyone has their Ram and Ravana hidden in them and reacts according to the situation. As for my role, I am introduced as a next-door girl, but she will eventually take an intense transformation," she says.

Lanke has Krishi sharing space with Yogi for the first time, however, she has been quite connected with the actor off-screen too, she says. "Yogi and I have been badminton partners, and we have been good friends even before the film. We have been wanting to team up for a film, and *Lanke* brought us together," says Krishi, adding, "Working with a known person helped the on-screen chemistry. Around Yogi, the ambiance gets jovial, and it's a good experience to work with him. I would like to associate with Yogi again."

Apart from Yogi, the film also has the late Sanchari Vijay and Kavya Shetty in prominent roles. "The film had a great cast. However, I still had my own screen space to prove myself," says Krishi, who has four more films lined up for release. "*Lanke* is just the beginning. I keep my fingers crossed and hope to see the rest of my films on the silver screen soon," she signs off.

A still from *Lanke*

Krishi Thapanda

Annie to play the Borg Queen in *Star Trek: Picard Season 2*

CE FEATURES

After starring in some of the most popular shows on television like *24* and *The Vampire Diaries*, Annie Wersching has now confirmed to join the cast of *Star Trek: Picard* as a recurring character. The sci-fi series is a sequel to 2002's *Star Trek: Nemesis*, 2009's *Star Trek*, and TV series *Star Strek: The Next Generation*. The story follows Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) who gets caught in the intergalactic drama of the late 24th century — a tough time for the Federation following the devastation of planet Romulus.

Wersching will play the Borg Queen, who was previously played by Alice Krige and Susanna Thompson. She is the cyborg leader of an alien troupe that shares a collective brain. They were first introduced in *The Next Generation*, the main villains of 1996's *Star Trek: First Contact*, and were also featured in the *Star Strek: Voyager* series.

Annie Wersching

MARGARET, CHRISTOPHER TO HEADLINE *SANCTUARY*

CE FEATURES

Actors Margaret Qualley and Christopher Abbott are set to headline the upcoming thriller, *Sanctuary*. Micah Bloomberg, the co-creator of Homecoming, has penned the script for the film. The shooting of the film was recently wrapped up in New York. Directed by Zachary Wigon, *Sanctuary* is set over the course of a night in a single hotel room, reported Variety.